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LOCAL IRON MINING VENTURE

ABSENCE OF COAL

HONG KONG CO. GOING INTO LIQUIDATION

SCHEMES COME TO NOUGHT

Various schemes in connection with that local venture, the Hong Kong Iron Mining Co., Ltd., have come to nought on account of there being no coal near by, in the New Territories.

The 22nd ordinary general meeting of the company was held to-day in the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and this was followed by an extraordinary meeting, which is a step towards voluntary liquidation.

The attendance comprised the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith (Chairman), Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. H. H. Priesley (Directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. Sutherland, O.B.E., Messrs. R. E. Coxon, P. Tod, A. Piercy, R. E. Macdougall, and H. A. Rodgers (shareholders).

Annual Meeting.—Both notices convening the meetings were read by the Secretary. The report and accounts having been taken as read, the chairman, at the annual meeting, delivered his speech as follows:—

Gentlemen, The accounts call for no comment, as they are practically identical with those of the previous year.

I shall be going into the position of the company more fully at the meeting to be held after this.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and when this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Mr. R. E. Coxon seconded. No question was asked and the chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

Extraordinary Meeting.—At the extraordinary meeting, the Chairman said:—

The position of the company being such as it is your directors have decided to recommend that it go into voluntary liquidation and it is to obtain your approval of this proposal that this meeting has been called.

The company was originally formed with the idea of working the iron ore deposits at Ma On Shan in the New Territories. The ore may be there, but we have not been able to obtain coal at sufficiently low prices to enable us to smelt it at marketable rates or to dispose of it in other ways. Various schemes have been proposed to bring in a reasonable return, but all have come to nothing.

Government's Attitude

The running expenses of the company were reduced to a minimum and one expedient in 1924 was to surrender the Crown Lease (for which \$3,360 were paid annually) in exchange for mining licences costing \$500 per annum. These licences, however, are only granted for two years and thereafter have to be renewed by special permission of the Government annually.

In May 1928, the Hong Kong Government notified us that unless some actual work (or prospect of it) was shown it was doubtful if the licences would be renewed. The finances of the company did not allow of our carrying out any further development ourselves and we were unable to come to any other arrangement with other parties, with the result that our application for a renewal of our licences for this year was refused.

Return to Shareholders

You will, therefore, no doubt, agree that it would serve no useful purpose to continue keeping the company in existence and your directors therefore decided to call this meeting with a view of our going into voluntary liquidation.

It is estimated that the holders of fully paid shares will receive about 75 cents and those holding partly paid shares about 30 cents per share.

The Resolution

I do not think that there is any more that I can say and therefore beg to propose the resolution:—

"That the company be wound up voluntarily."

and when this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton

HENDRY'S REPLY

COLONELS "ARE YOU QUITE CERTAIN?"

COURT-MARTIAL TO-DAY

Major E. G. Miles, D.S.O., M.C. (of the King's Own Scottish Borderers), who is defending Major G. M. H. Ogilvy (senior Major of the 2nd Battalion) in the General Court Martial at Murray Barracks, opened his cross-examination this morning of Private Charles Hendry (reduced from Corporal and undergoing sentence for embezzlement), who is one of the witnesses for the prosecution.

On Major H. W. H. Armitage, M.C., Royal Artillery, prosecuting officer, conducting his examination-in-chief of Hendry, Major Miles asked witness when he was transferred from the 1st Battalion of the Regiment to the 2nd Battalion.

Messing Clerk's Duties

In reply to one of the questions, Hendry said that he had been messing non-commissioned officer (or messing clerk) in the 1st Battalion. He also said that he had had nothing to do previously with the work of Clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, this statement eliciting a query from the President of the Court, Colonel H. A. Stewart, D.S.O., O.B.E., who is Assistant Director of Supplies & Transport in the China Command. Colonel Stewart asked "Are you quite certain about that?" whereupon Hendry added that as messing clerk in the 1st Battalion it had been his duty to make out the amount due for swill. In the 2nd Battalion, which is in Hong Kong, this was done by the P.R.I. clerk.

Major Ogilvy, it will be recalled, is charged with alleged negligence in connection with his duties as P.R.I. of the 2nd Battalion.

Receipts & Payments

Major Miles then went over with witness the latter's system of getting the accused officer to sign cheques for payments-out and receipts for payments-in.

The trial continues.

In addition to the President, the other members of the Court are Lt.-Col. H. V. Vernon, M. C. (3rd Batt. 15th Punjab Regt.), Major A. Greery, M.C. (Royal Artillery), Major R. H. E. Bennett, M.C. (1st Batt. Somerset Light Infantry) and Major J. B. Taylor (1st Batt. Somerset Light Infantry).

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General of the Colony) is Judge-Advocate.

CONSTABLES' FIND

SUIT CASE BELONGING TO A STUDENT

FAILED TO REPORT IT

Three Indian Police constables were this morning produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, on a serious charge of misconduct.

In explaining the charge to the accused, his Worship said that it was alleged that the accused had failed to report the finding of a suit case containing valuables, and that instead of turning the property over to the Inspector in charge, they had kept it to themselves.

First and second accused pleaded "guilty," whilst the third said that he had no knowledge of the matter.

On the application of Divisional Inspector A. Clarke, who asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case, the Magistrate gave a formal remand for 24 hours, date for hearing of the case to be fixed after that. Accused were allowed bail in the sum of \$250 each.

It is understood that the suit case, containing money and jewellery, besides other property, was reported lost by a Chinese student living in the Great Northern Hotel.

James Cowan, head of Kelly parish church, Cowdenbeath, Fifeshire, was found hanging from a beam in the vestibule of the church.

Sir Emile Carr, at the annual meeting of the members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, was appointed chairman of the Gallery for the ensuing year.

seconded. No question was asked and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The chairman then reminded shareholders that a contributory meeting will be held at 12.30 p.m. on July 12 in the same place.

Gurrey Education Committee have decided to erect a school for 600 children at New Malden, and another school for a like number of scholars at Hampton.

MILITARY HOSPITAL ON FIRE!

100 CASUALTIES

ABOUT 30 PATIENTS DIE IN EXPLOSIONS

CANTON BANNERMEN HAIL

Canton, Yesterday. A fire at the Canton Army Emergency Hospital No. 3, inside the compound of the Eighth Banner-men's Guild Hall, East Bund, this afternoon caused the destruction of a part of the main building and resulted in a casualty list of upwards of 100, including the deaths of nearly 30 patients and several others in the neighbourhood, due to the explosion of two magazine vaults also located within the compound, which caught fire following the lighting of the matches over and around the buildings.

The cause of the fire is unknown, although incendiarism has been hinted at while the end of a burning cigarette is also suspected.

At the time, more than 400 patients were in the Hospital, and some had to be rescued by the Red Cross, the Police and military.

Firefighters Handicapped

The Fire Brigade, early on the scene, was for a time rendered ineffective because of lack of water and the frequent explosions of ammunition stored there. Some of the ammunition lost comprised spoils of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi war, taken during the North River engagements.

Residences in the neighbourhood suffered not slight damages but the panic caused by the fear of the fire and explosion spreading was responsible for much anxiety.

A number of the firemen and some who assisted in extinguishing the fire were injured—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

CANTON'S PRESS

MEASURES TO SUBDUED BAD LITERATURE

PARTY NEWS ENCOURAGED

Canton, Yesterday. Measures to bring the Press of Canton within the influence of the Party are being considered by the Canton City Kuomintang.

According to the opinion of the City Kuomintang Executive Committee, the Press is an important factor in public education, especially during this "tutelage period," during which the Party undertakes to educate the public for democracy.

As most of the daily newspapers and periodicals now being conducted by private individuals contain allegedly cheap literature and unwholesome stories, which are intended to attract the readers of the lower class, the City Kuomintang has decided to co-operate with the Canton Newspapermen's Association to institute a strict censorship on such newspapers and periodicals and, at the same time, to encourage the publication of more news from the Party publicity bureau, which may have the desired effect of promoting social education.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Papers Excluded

Canton, Wednesday. On the recommendation of the "Hong Kong branch" of the Kuomintang, the Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has requested the Police of Canton to exclude the following journals from the city, on the ground of their being organs of "counter-revolutionaries" and opposing parties:—The "Hong Kong Times," the "Ching Po" (the "Morning Post"), the "Kung Po" and the "Hwa Nam Po" of Hong Kong; and the "Northern Review" (or "Pei Feng Ping Yen Pao") of Peking.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

LI CHAI-SUM

"RELEASE NOT EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME"

Shanghai, To-day.

In view of the Nanjing report that Li Chai-sum will be released soon and is being given some liberty, the "Nan Chung Kuo" correspondent has been informed otherwise. The release need not be expected for some time to come.

Perhaps some of the Nanjing leaders have considered the advisability of release, but they will not dare openly to suggest to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek by whose order—in the first instance at least—Marshal Li Chai-sum (as he was then) was imprisoned.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Gurrey Education Committee have decided to erect a school for 600 children at New Malden, and another school for a like number of scholars at Hampton.

N. Y. COLLISION

FIREMEN AND SURGEONS' PERILOUS CLIMB

PASSENGERS EXTRICATED

New York, Yesterday. Thousands of pedestrians in the Sixth Avenue watched the perilous climb of the firemen and surgeons on perpendicular ladders following the collision of the two trains on the elevated railway. One person was killed and several injured. Passengers were extricated amidst the choking and blinding smoke arising from the burning of insulating materials.—Reuter's American Service.

THE JOBLESS

MINISTER OF UNEMPLOYMENT GETTING BUSY

CONSULTING RAILWAYS

London, Yesterday. Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Minister of Unemployment, met representatives of the Railway Companies to-day to discuss schemes of development.

Where railways have practical schemes, merely waiting financial assistance, Mr. Thomas has asked that all facts should be laid before the Economic Council of Ministers.—British Wireless Service.

SHOWERY

To-day's weather report, states:—

A depression is situated over the Eastern Sea. Pressure continues to be highest in the Pacific to the south-east of the Carolines.

Forecast:—S. W. winds, moderate, cloudy; showery.

DISARMAMENT

JAPAN WILLING TO CO-OPERATE

INTIMATION TO HOOVER

Washington, Yesterday. The Japanese Government has communicated with President Hoover its readiness to support any measures to further a reduction of naval armaments.—Reuter.

BIG LOAN

210,000,000 MARKS FOR GERMAN GOVT.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

London, Yesterday. An agreement has been signed in Paris in connection with a loan of 210,000,000 Reichs Marks to the German Government by the International Banking Syndicate, headed by Dillon and Read, Harris and Forbes and the Chase Securities Corporation.—Reuter.

To-day's rainfall 0.16 inch

1929 rainfall 11.70 inches

Average 44.10 inches

Deficit 32.40 inches

DON'T WASTE WATER!

HIS MAJESTY

CONDUCTING MORE STATE BUSINESS

London, Yesterday. H.M. the King today transacted some more State business, the first since he received General Dawes, the American Ambassador, last Saturday. He received at Windsor Castle Dr. Bell, who did homage on his appointment as Bishop of Phishie (1).—British Wireless Service.

PARLIAMENT

DATE OF THE STATE OPENING

London, Yesterday. The State opening of Parliament has been fixed for July 1.—Reuter.

10-DAYS' HOLIDAY

The closing of the schools on demand to-day was 11.5.10.

NO PROGRESS IN WAR IN KWANGSI

KWEIPIG STANDS

CANTON'S ORDER TO CAPTURE IN THREE DAYS

FIGHTING FORCES COMBINE

Canton, Yesterday. Kweiping and Luchow are still in the hands of the Kwangsi Army directed by the regime in Nanning.

The Kwangsi ("rebel") Army Headquarters claims to have repulsed the pro-Government Yunnanese and Hunanese troops who have been occupying Kweilin and Pinglo since May 13.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Canton Admits

Canton, Yesterday. Headquarters in receipt of news from Wuchow that Military Headquarters there issued on June 17 an order for an immediate attack on Kweiping—and capture must be made within three days. With the co-operation of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the fall of the city was expected yesterday afternoon. But up till late last night no definite news has been received from the front. However, the high commanders at Wuchow are very confident of the fall of Kweiping, as the Kwangsi remnants are rapidly making a general retreat towards Kweiping.

Prisoners Repatriated

There were over 3,000 Kwangsi soldiers taken prisoner in the present war. Of this number, those of robust physique were drafted into different units, while the rest were given money to return to their native districts. Many of the latter, after receiving their passage money, did not go back but wandered about the city begging and looting. To prevent them from falling into mischief, representatives of a Kwangsi organisation from Hong Kong came up to Canton and gathered up all the stragglers, between three and four hundred, sending them to Hong Kong, where after receiving \$20 for each petty officer and \$10 for each soldier the men took passage for Kwangsi.—Canton News Agency.

Kwangsi Version

Nanning, June 17. From reports received from Luchow, it appears that the military operations there have succeeded to some extent in freeing the immediate vicinity of pro-Government troops from Hunan and Yunnan under Generals Ho Chien and Pan Shek-sang. Until re-organised, the Kwangsi ("rebel") army under the joint command of Wang Shih-hung and Pei Chung-hai may not undertake another counter-attack unless pressed.

General Wong Shih-hung still claims control of the Nanning, Liuking, Chennan, Kweilin, and Watham districts of Kwangsi. Yunnanese and Hunanese troops supporting the National Government, who have been in Kweilin and Pinglo until a week ago, have been ousted by General Wu Ting-yang, officer commanding the old 1st Kwangsi division.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

ONE MORE

ANOTHER BIG U.S. MERGER ANNOUNCED

"MORGAN'S" THIRD

New York, Yesterday. Messrs J. P. Morgan and Co. have announced the creation of a new \$500,000,000 Food Company in which the Fleischmann Company, Royal Baking Powder Company, E. W. Gillet Company of Canada, will be merged. Other companies will probably be embraced later.

This is the third merger of the kind arranged this week by "Morgan". The new corporation will have a capitalisation of \$200,000,000. There will be 10 par value common stock seven dollar dividend preferred stock.—Reuter's American Service.

According to the "Japan Advertiser" blood-tests will be applied for trial for the first time in Japan when in a case of acknowledgment of an illegitimate child, in which the defendant, an elementary school teacher, has been defeated at the first hearing, a scientific test of blood samples from the ear of the blood donor, the child and their near relatives will be made by Dr. Kobata of the Kanazawa Medical College and an assistant. The test will be carried out.

MR. R. F. LAMMERT

MEMBER OF WELL KNOWN FAMILY DEAD

A KEEN SPORTSMAN

It is with deep regret that the "China Mail" has to report the death of Mr. R. F. Lammert on June 18 after over 80 years' residence in Borneo. He was a brother of Messrs. G. P. C. H. H. A. & L. E. Lammert, of Hong Kong.

Many old Hong Kong boys will remember "R. F." in his younger days as one of the Colony's best cricketers. He was also a keen all round cricketer and sprinter, holding many cups won in the realm of sport. He was one of the very few lads in the Colony who received the gold medal for services rendered during a very serious time in the Colony's history—the great plague epidemic.

Mr. R. F. Lammert left Hong Kong about 1899 to take up an appointment with Messrs. Darby & Co. and was afterwards interested in tobacco and rubber estates. He retired from commercial activities about three years ago and was enjoying the life of a man who had done a good life's work. He had retired to a little plantation of his own when death overtook him.

He is mourned not only by his relatives in Hong Kong but by a wide circle of friends that only a man of his genial disposition and sportsmanlike qualities could have acquired.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR'S PROPHECY

DIP INTO THE PAST

The Indian Muslim Society has arranged for a prayer for rain, "Istisqa", to be offered at the Indian Recreation Club Ground on Sunday at 10 a.m. and invites Muslim brethren of all nationalities to attend.

COMPARISON WITH 1895

Only 45.83 During The Twelve Months

Professor F. A. Reynolds, of the Hong Kong University, prophesies that the rainfall during this year will be a formidable rival to the year 1895, when the rainfall recorded the whole of the year was only 45.83 inches!

Last year 71.15 inches were recorded, which is not in any manner exceptional when one takes into consideration the fact that both in the years 1925 and 1927 well over 100 inches of rain fell.

The years 1895, 1896 and 1928 with 45.83, 72.78 and 71.15 inches respectively are the worse on record; all the other years including and beginning from 1891 have an average of well over 90 inches.

If we are to have over 40 inches this year, we will be very lucky, and if we are to judge by the cycle, we shall not in all probability.

Below is given a tabulated form by which a comparison may be made.

Year	Rainfall (inches)
1891	117.12
1895	45.83
1925	87.58
1928	71.15

The year 1895 in which we are particularly interested, had, it can easily be seen, a very low rainfall indeed. It is, in fact, the driest year on record.

The prospects this year are certainly none too pleasing and we can only hope that the cycle in question does not operate in China, otherwise Hong Kong surely will have a rainfall appropriate to the one that fell 34 years ago!

The monthly rainfall figures for the year 1895, may be of interest.

Month	Inches
January	0.10
February	0.85
March	1.20
April	2.65
May	5.40
June	4.80
July	15.00
August	6.15
September	3.95
October	0.50
November	0.25
December	0.20

Total for the year 45.835

Says the Professor:—

"Apart, however, from the 'Bruckner' cycle theory there is strong evidence in support of the belief that at any time now we must be prepared to face a year of exceptional drought. The average rainfall for the nine years 1920-1928 is 54.15 inches, nearly 10 inches above the general average of 45.83 inches."

TERMS FOR FENG TO GO ABROAD

HIS SUCCESSOR?

GEN. LU CHUNG-LUN'S NAME IS MENTIONED

\$200,000 FOR TRAVELLING

Peking, Yesterday. General Feng Yu-shiang's forced withdrawal from the Kuomintang has become a fact, according to a report from sources obeying Chiang Kai-shek. Accompanied by his family, Feng has gone to Yuncheng, in south-west Shansi, where he will take a short rest before embarking on his trip abroad, according to latest information received.

A report arriving here says that the Nanking leaders have concluded an understanding with Kuomintang representatives covering Feng's retirement, this as a result of the good work of General Yen Hsi-shan.

Reported Terms

The terms understood and given out by a certain interested party for publication include:—

(1) The Nanking Government has agreed to take full responsibility for the payment of arrears of pay to Feng's troops to the amount of \$3,000,000, which payment is guaranteed by General Yen Hsi-shan.

(2) As regards the re-organisation of the Kuomintang, General Lu Chung-lun, Feng's right-hand man, will be appointed Commissioner of Troop Disbandment in succession to Feng, in accordance with the National Government's proposed system.

(3) The civil administration of Honan, Shensi and Kansu provinces will be re-organised in accordance with the system adopted by the National Government.

(4) The National Government will appropriate \$200,000 for Feng's travelling expenses and will detail him certain duty during his trip with a view to upholding his honor and prestige.

More Trouble Ahead?

To observers, the problem of disbanding the Kuomintang, which is the "People's Army" under Feng, will remain a difficult one. With General Feng nominally gone, there will still remain Generals Han Fu-chu, Shi Yu-san and Ma Hung-kwei, who may or may not have really surrendered. They are now all stationed in Honan province, but according to the second term of the "agreement," General Lu Chung-lun will be appointed as Commissioner of Disbandment for the Second District. In other words, he is charged with the control of the military affairs in that province. The strength of the Kuomintang has been estimated at about 60,000 men. The Army recently received \$800,000 from the Nanking treasury in return for their "mutiny" against their former commander, Feng Yu-shiang.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Departure Confirmed

Peking, Yesterday. Ho Cheng-chun has officially announced the receipt of a telegram dated June 19 from Yen Hsi-shan stating that Feng Yu-shiang has arrived at Yuncheng.—Reuter.

Chiang's Inspection

Shanghai, Yesterday. An official message from Nanking states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will leave on June 22 for an inspection tour of the Government forces along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. He will first visit Ham-chow to attend the military conference.—Reuter.

OTHERS' MONEY

Revealing of a certified copy of the confirmation of the will of Miss Isabella Kewans Thomson, deceased, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, attorney of the executor, Mr. Charles Binny Whyte Thomson, of Glenmayne, Glen-road, Roebome, England.

Miss Thomson, whose address is given as Dundarroch, Forfar, Scotland, left estate in the Colony worth \$54,000.

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YOKOHAMA MARU	Monday, 1st July.
MISHIMA MARU	Monday, 28th July.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 29th June.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 13th July.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 13th July.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Wednesday, 26th June.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 26th June.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 26th July.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Thursday, 27th June.
TOTTORI MARU	Thursday, 27th June.
AWA MARU	Thursday, 11th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Tuesday, 9th July.
ANYO MARU	Tuesday, 9th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Tuesday, 9th July.
KAMAKURA MARU	Tuesday, 9th July.
NEW YORK, Boston, Havana via Panama.	Thursday, 4th July.
TATSUNO MARU	Thursday, 4th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	Saturday, 20th July.
DURBAN MARU	Saturday, 20th July.
ALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Saturday, 29th June.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday, 29th June.
GENOA MARU	Monday, 8th July.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Monday, 24th June.
FUSHIMI MARU	Monday, 24th June.
TAMBA MARU	Sunday, 30th June.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	Friday, 12th July.
ALTAI MARU	Friday, 12th July.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	Thursday, 27th June.
MANILA MARU	Thursday, 27th June.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Thursday, 4th July.
CHIFUKU MARU	Thursday, 4th July.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	Sunday, 7th July.
PANAMA MARU	Sunday, 7th July.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Tuesday, 2nd July.
TACOMA MARU	Tuesday, 2nd July.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	Tuesday, 2nd July.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Thursday, 4th July.
BURMA MARU	Thursday, 4th July.
HAIPHONG—Via Hongkong & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 27th June 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 27th June 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Sunday, 23rd June.
SEATTLE MARU	Sunday, 23rd June.
KASADO MARU	Sunday, 23rd June.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Friday, 12th July.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 23rd June, 3 p.m.
TAKEO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 14th July.
TAKEO & KEELUNG	Sunday, 14th July.

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OUR OBSERVATORY

NOTES ON THE WEATHER LAST YEAR

STORM WARNINGS

The report of the director of the Royal Observatory for the year 1928 contains the following (in addition to the notes on rain already published in our columns):

Ground and Buildings

The grounds were kept in order by the Botanical and Forestry Department with the assistance of the Observatory coolies. The concrete path on the slope from Nathan-road entrance was continued to the eastern entrance in December.

The 'Time Ball' Tower on Kowloon Signal Hill was raised 20 feet between April 29 and October 10. The ball is now visible from the bridge of all steamers in harbour, except those in wharves Nos. 2 and 5 immediately to the West of the godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godown Company.

The Anemograph Hut at the Peak was demolished on December 7, the site being required for a wireless mast. A new Hut was erected on a site 28 feet North and 53 feet East of the centre of the old Hut.

Magnetic Station at Au Tau—The doors and bolts were adjusted and the roof of the magnetograph building repaired during the year.

Underground Chamber of Seismographs and Clocks.—The range of temperature in the underground chamber was 10.7 deg. (F.) in 1928 as against 11.6 deg. (F.) in 1927 and 9.1 deg. (F.) in 1926. The relative humidity was seldom less than 93 per cent. between May 7 and August 28. The range during the year being 27 per cent. in 1928 as against 32 per cent. in 1927 and 42 per cent. in 1926.

Mean Monthly Temperature and Relative Humidity in the Underground Chamber and in the Open Air during the year 1928.

Month, 1928.	Temperature deg.	Relative Humidity per cent.
January	69.6	71
February	69.8	67
March	69.8	76
April	71.1	83
May	74.1	94
June	76.2	94
July	78.5	94
August	80.2	92
September	80.3	87
October	78.4	85
November	76.7	89
December	74.3	90

Range 10.7 deg. in the Chamber. 27 deg. in the Open Air.

Month, 1928.	Temperature deg.	Relative Humidity per cent.
January	61.0	83
February	58.7	82
March	63.2	87
April	70.9	86
May	77.4	83
June	79.9	83
July	83.5	80
August	82.4	84
September	81.6	75
October	78.1	65
November	69.3	67
December	68.6	72

Range 24.3 deg. 22 deg.

Meteorological Instruments.—All the meteorological instruments were maintained in good order throughout the year.

The thermometers in use were compared with Kew Standard No. 647 in Summer and Winter.

The work of the electric contact on the Nakamura Pluviograph is tested daily at 11h.

The Beckley and Dines Baxendell Anemographs were oiled and the orientation of the vanes checked once a month. The Dines Baxendell instrument continues to work satisfactorily, except at very low velocities when its action is uncertain.

Publications.—Daily Weather Report and Map.

—A weather map of the Far East, for 6 a.m. of the 120th meridian time, is constructed daily and lithographed at the Observatory. On the verso is printed the morning weather report, from about 40 stations in China, Indo-China, Japan, Borneo and the Philippines, and a weather forecast for the following districts:—

1. Formosa Channel.
2. S.E. Coast of China between Hong Kong and Amoy.
3. Hong Kong to Gap Rock.
4. S. Coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan.

This publication is exhibited on notice boards at the Hong Kong and Kowloon Ferry Piers, the Cable Companies and, since November 18, 1927, at the General Post Office. Formerly copies were sent, free of charge, to subscribers to the "Daily Bulletin" but as on March 31 publication of this Bulletin ceased, arrangements were made by which local firms, and others interested in the Daily Weather Report and Map, should receive a copy through the Chamber of Commerce, on payment of an annual subscription of \$10.00. At the close of the year there were 56 such subscribers. The Weather Report and Forecast.

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A weather map for 2 p.m. of the 120th meridian time is also constructed daily. It is not published, but an evening weather report and forecast based thereon, is sent to the morning papers and exhibited on the notice boards.

Meteorological observations from 26 stations in the Far East, followed by a Weather Report and Forecast, are broadcast by Cape d'Aguilar (V.P.S.) on a 600 metre spark at 0400 and 1200 G.M.T. ("Changed from 88 metres on June 1.) A repetition of the 0400 message is made by V.P.S. on 2800 metres I.C.W. at 0500, and of the 1200 message on 2000 metres I.C.W. immediately following the 1300 time-signal.

The Weather Reports and Forecasts are also broadcast by the Observatory Station (G.O.W.) on 300 metres telephony at 0543 and 1148 G.M.T.

Hong Kong Storm Warnings are broadcast by V.P.S. on a 600 metre spark on receipt, and at 18 minutes past every hour until 1148 G.M.T.

G.O.W. normally broadcasts these warnings on 300 metre telephony immediately following the 0543 and 1148 weather reports, but when Hong Kong local typhoon signals are displayed they are broadcast by telephony on receipt, and at 48 minutes past every hour until the signals are lowered.

Shanghai and Manila Warnings are broadcast by V.P.S. on a 600 metre spark on receipt, and repeated after an interval of 10 metres telephony when the Hong Kong local typhoon signals are displayed.

Weather Telegrams, Forecasts etc. Daily Weather Telegrams.—In addition to the ordinary 6h. and 12h. observations, which the Cable Companies transmit free of charge, the 11h. and 17h. observations were received at half rates from the following stations:—

- Shanghai
- Gutzlaff
- Amoy
- Macao

Since August 18 the 2300 and 0700 G.M.T. observations from Fort Bayard, Phulien, Touraine, Cape Padaran and Cape St. James and the 0900 and 0900 G.M.T. observations from the above, and about 12 other stations in Indo-China, have been received from Phulien on short wave.

This service is very valuable and ensures the early receipt of the observations, and at regular hours, namely:—at 0115, 0400, 0830 and 1015 G.M.T. It also saves the expense of obtaining the 0300 and 0900 G.M.T. observations by cable.

Other valuable services are the 2200 G.M.T. observations on short wave from Yangtze Ports, and several stations in N.E. China, sent personally by Father Ghersi S. J. of the Zikawei Observatory, and the 2100 G.M.T. observations from Pelew, Yap, Salpan and Ponape, sent on 1050 metres from the Pelew Observatory at 0200 G.M.T.

Since September 29 the 0600 and 2200 G.M.T. observations from Hoihow have been received by wireless telegraphy occasionally.

The Meteorological Authorities at Pratas continue to send, with commendable regularity and promptitude, their 6h., 11h., 14h. and 17h. observations and the 6h. observations from some Philippine stations. They also send hourly observations during the passage of a typhoon.

Though the number of observations received for constructing the daily weather maps has increased of late years, owing to the advent of wireless telegraphy, far more observations are still required before even approximately accurate maps can be drawn, showing kinks in the isobars, lines of discontinuity, cold fronts, warm fronts, etc. At present the observations of temperature are so few that no attempt is made to draw isotherms on the weather maps.

Proposals for the establishment of additional wireless meteorological reporting stations are to be submitted to the Pacific Science Conference which will take place in Batavia next May, and to the Conference of British meteorologists, which is to take place in London next August.

Monsieur Jean Coffin, of the French Meteorological Service, while on a tour of the Far East in connection with an improved service of wireless meteorological broadcasts, visited the Observatory on January 31 and March 3. He informed that the Tokyo Observatory proposed to send the 6 a.m. observations from 20 stations in the Japanese Empire daily to the Naha Wireless Station, which would broadcast them on short wave, using the Hong Kong 6-letter telegraphic Code. He also stated that observations might be expected from a high power station in Hankow at an early date; no details of the above schemes are to hand.

Extra Weather Telegrams

The following stations send extra weather telegrams at half rates during typhoons, on receipt of certain code words from Hong Kong:—Amoy, Canton, Macao, Phulien, Sharp Peak and Taihoku. The Director of the Philippine Weather Bureau also sends extra telegrams, at his discretion, from Aparri or some other station nearer the typhoon centre. The 9 p.m. observations from Swatow, kindly sanctioned by the Chinese Telegraph Administration, were occasionally received; but usually on the next or following day. The Director of the Taihoku Observatory sends extra weather telegrams from the two stations in Formosa nearest to the centre during the passage of a typhoon.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	Aug. 20	Aug. 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 14
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 24	Sept. 26
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 14	Dec. 17	Dec. 19
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 6
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27

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The number of British ships sending these messages increased from 698 in 1927 to 992 in 1928. The number of ships of other nationalities increased from 435 to 588.

Results of Forecasts

The results of comparison of the daily weather forecast with the weather subsequently experienced are given below, together with the results of the previous five years:—

Com-Par-Par-Total

Year Suc-Suc-Failure Failure

Year	Suc	Par	Failure	Total
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1923	66	30	3	1
1924	71	24	5	0
1925	62	34	4	0
1926	72	26	2	0
1927	70	28	4	0
1928	66	31	3	0

The forecast comprises wind direction, wind force, and weather. Complete success means correct in three elements. Partial success means correct in only two elements. Partial failure means correct in only one element. Total failure means correct in no element.

The method of analysis is described in the 1918 Report.

Storm Warnings

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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	9th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*ALIPORE	5,273	19th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KHIVA	9,135	20th July	Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Hull.

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TALAMBA	3,013	26th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	7,745	29th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	10,000	31st Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TAKLIWA	7,745	19th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KIDDERPORE	5,273	20th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	30th July	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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H.K. HARBOUR

COMPARISON BETWEEN 1927
AND 1928

The total shipping entering and clearing ports in the Colony during the year 1928 amounted to 300,316 vessels of 44,883,765 tons, which, compared with the figures of 1927, show an increase of 1,409 vessels and an increase of 766,604 tons.

Of the above 52,278 vessels of 37,640,694 tons were engaged in Foreign Trade as compared with 51,289 vessels of 36,834,014 tons, in 1927.

There was an increase in British ocean-going shipping of 652 ships of 1,132,261 tons.

Foreign ocean-going vessels show an increase of 603 ships and an increase of 81,970 tons.

British river steamers show a decrease of 92 ships and a decrease of 130,341 tons.

Foreign river steamers show an increase of 70 ships and a decrease of 18,855 tons.

In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is an increase of 551 ships with an increase in tonnage of 7,663 tons.

Tanks in foreign trade show a decrease of 55 vessels, and an increase of 153,976 tons.

In the local trade (i.e. between places within the waters of the Colony) there is a decrease in steam launches of 3,581 and a decrease in tonnage of 105,069 tons. 59 launches were laid up in 1928 as compared with 26 in 1927.

Junks in local trade show an increase of 4,201 vessels and an increase of 54,993 tons.

Of vessels of European construction 1,912 ocean steamers, 2,927 river steamers and 4,249 steamships not exceeding 60 tons entered during the year, giving a daily average of 33.5 ships.

BOULOGNE

GIGANTIC IMPROVEMENT
SCHEME

Plans for the new port of Boulogne-sur-Mer have been drawn up. According to the "Echo de Paris," contracts have already been signed for the work, and only the sanction of the authorities is awaited.

A gigantic scheme has been evolved, which will enable even trans-Atlantic liners to dock with ease, instead of, as at present, being only accessible by tender in the inner harbour.

The new port will be built on a breakwater, over a mile and a half in length is now being extended by 200 yards. This protects the roads from the south-west storms, but there is no corresponding protection from the easterly and northerly gales.

It is, therefore, proposed to build a breakwater to the north of Boulogne, and to run this out for a mile and a quarter. The Carnot Breakwater would be extended another half-mile, and the two breakwaters would thus practically meet, except for a space of 60 yards, forming the entrance to the roads. A maritime port would then be built near the Carnot Breakwater.

A narrow 250 yards long would be run out parallel to the breakwater, the ordinary cross-channel steamers berthing on one side and the trans-Atlantic liners on the other. In addition a railway line would be built, linking up with the Nord line to the south of Boulogne, and thus reducing by a quarter of an hour the journey to Paris.

NEW SHIP HERE

The Dutch s.s. "Siprock," a new vessel owned by the Royal Packet Navigation Co. (the Java-China-Japan Line agents) made her first appearance in Hong Kong harbour on Wednesday at 7 p.m. She brought 1,931 tons of coal for Hong Kong and 1,000 tons for Canton. The vessel, which is commanded by Capt. D. L. E. Blankstein, is a steel screw steamer of 1,788 gross tonnage and 1,601 net tonnage and was built only last year at Rotterdam.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," arrived at Manila on June 20 (Thurs.) at 8 a.m., leaves Manila on June 21 (Fri.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on June 23 (Sun.) at 8 a.m.

The E.S. s.s. "Tilawa," left Singapore for this port on June 20, p.m., and is due here on June 25, a.m.

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWAIKANG	Sun., 30th June at 10 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 3rd July at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Thurs., 27th June at 11 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Tues., 9th July at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Thurs., 18th July at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 28th July at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 9th July at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 26th June at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 10th July at 3 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Tues., 25th June at Noon
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SOUTHERN APPROACH TO
SANMUN BAY

The following information relative to the discovery of decreased depths of water in the Southern Approach to Sanmun Bay has been received from the Hydrographic Department of the Chinese Navy:—

Geographical Position (Sanmun Islands) Latitude 28° 58' N., Longitude 121° 48' E.

Publications affected—British Admiralty Chart No. 1759.

Decreased Depths found.—Within the area contained between lines drawn south and west from Sanmun Islands and east from Yulin Point, the depths have been found to be generally less by about 1 fathom than those shown on the above-named chart.

PASSENGER LIST

ARRIVALS

Passengers per P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from London, on June 20:—

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DEATH

LAMBERT—On June 18, at Jesselton, British North Borneo, R. F. Lambert, aged 58.

Hong Kong, Friday, June 21, 1929.

HONG KONG'S FINANCES

The figures published by the Government relative to the Colony's finances will generally be regarded as being of a most satisfactory character. The revenue for 1928 is nearly \$25,000,000 and constitutes a record. It demonstrates that under normal conditions the high hopes entertained by those who, though somewhat depressed by the hard times of the past few years, never doubted that with the return of peaceful conditions in China generally and in the South particularly the Colony would continue to prosper. The credit balance, which in 1925 almost evaporated, now stands at the satisfactory figure of \$8,000,000. Last year's expenditure amounted to \$21,000,000 and even the most captious critic must admit that good value has been received. The Colony is admirably administered and the manner in which the present day problems are being grappled with rounds very considerable credit upon the Government and all concerned. It would be noted that the Military Defence contribution called for \$3,784,960. It is a large sum, but can it be truthfully said that we have not received good value for the outlay? In every respect we have.

A report by the Indian Coal Grading Board states that Hong Kong received from India during 1928 twenty consignments of coal, totalling 120,874 tons.

Mr. Paul Leuder, General Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., returned to the Colony today by the "Raiputana" from Shanghai, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

The submarine "Otus" was commissioned by Lieut.-Comdr. T. B. Branton at Barrow-in-Furness on May 25 for trials and for service on the China Station. Lieut.-Comdr. Branton formerly served in command of L14.

Bo. Tiddy, one of the comedians and dancers of Jack Carter's Serenaders will give a special entertainment at the Riposte Bay Hotel at the dinner dances to-morrow and on Monday and at the tea dance on Sunday.

The following civilian appointment under the Admiralty is announced:—Mr. W. Veale, first-class draughtsman, Engineer Department, Hong Kong Dockyard.

A report was received by the Police yesterday from Mr. H. J. Fountain, of the Anderson Music Co., that a leather bag containing tuning instruments had been stolen from the Company's premises.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Robert Lord Baumsun, missionary, of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, and Miss Evelyn Major, missionary, of McKinney, Texas, U.S.A.

Mr. H. Parry, manager of the Runnymede Hotel, Penang, and formerly of the Kowloon Hotel, who has not been in the best of health recently, is now convalescing and has gone to Brastagi for a change.

Lady Clementi has consented to perform the inaugural ceremony on the occasion of the opening of the South China Athletic Association's bathing pavilion at Quarry Bay on June 29 at 2.30 p.m., an aquatic display will follow.

After further evidence was heard yesterday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton gave another adjournment in the case in which two Chinese bailiffs' watchmen employed at the Supreme Court are charged with conspiracy to defraud a Chinese woman living in Shaikwan, of \$77.

Passengers on the s.s. "Khiva" arriving from Home yesterday, included Mr. T. Pendered, Mr. J. Richardson, Mr. A. Burt, Mr. F. Rendall, Mr. H. Braham, Lt.-Comdr. G. Dingham, Mr. S. Wynne, Lt.-Comdr. C. Jacob, Mr. C. Smith, Lt.-Comdr. F. Lloyd, Lt.-Comdr. Crawford, Mr. J. Forbes, Captain Wake-Walker and Professor Hsu.

PLEASE DON'T WASTE WATER

When a Chinese was yesterday charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with obstruction outside his shop on the ground floor of No. 125, Wing Lok-street, Mr. A. el Arculli, who appeared for the defence, argued that there was no evidence to show that defendant was the owner of the goods which formed the subject of the charge. The case was adjourned.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice J. R. Wood gave judgment for plaintiff, with costs, in a case in the Summary Court in which the Yat Hing Motor Lorry Co. sued the managing partners of the firm of Chop Choy Lin and Chan Pak Chun of Joss-street, Taikeksai, for \$263.45 for hire of motor lorries supplied to defendants at their order.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton and Major C. Willson, O.B.E., sat together at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, to hear a case in which a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition. He pleaded that because he had been out of work for a long time, he risked the chance of being caught and undertook to carry the arms for a stranger. Sentence of two years' hard labour was passed.

At a meeting last January of members of the Surveyors' Institution, resident in Fung Kong, it was decided to make application to the headquarters at No. 12, Great George-street, London, with a view to forming a local branch. It is now learned that the proposal has been sanctioned, a notice to the effect appearing in the April issue of the Institution's Journal, which is published in London. The local branch of the institution was formally inaugurated at a meeting held at the Lane, Crawford restaurant on Monday when rules were drawn up and officers appointed.

"Is the World Progressing?" was the subject of a debate at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last evening. Capt. Holland, who led the "affirmatives," gave an interesting discourse on the advance of science and inventions, whilst Mr. H. Gardiner, who was the "oppositives" leader, spoke pessimistically on the present political conditions, and said that the mistrust which the nations had of each other could be measured by the money spent on armaments. The Rev. J. C. Knight Ansley was in the chair and other speakers included Mr. W. H. Smith and Mr. H. Braga. At the close of the debate, the voting went in favour of the "affirmatives."

During blasting operations in a quarry at Hampton, Haweswater, Westmorland, Arthur Nicholson (23) was killed by a premature explosion.

COUNCIL MEETING

THE 1928 SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE

SITUATION REVIEWED

Four Bills were read a first time in the Legislative Council yesterday when the attendance comprised:—

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), the Officer Commanding the Troops, Hong Kong Area (Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O.), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman), the Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. M. J. Breen), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Captain Superintendent of Police), the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired (Harbour Master), the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical & Sanitary Services), the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kewell, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. B. D. P. Bell, Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones (Clerk of Councils and Deputy Clerk of Councils).

Colonel Brownrigg, Mr. Trautman and Mr. Breen took the customary oaths of allegiance on assuming their seats in Council for the first time.

[Complete versions of the Unofficial members' questions and the replies thereto, also the matter relating to the water shortage appeared in the later editions of yesterday's "China Mail."]

New Bills

The four Bills read a first time were:—

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the restriction of the loading, working and discharging of cargo on Sunday.

An Ordinance to amend further the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

An Ordinance to amend the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of \$292,104.79 to defray the Charges of the year 1928.

Supplementary Expenditure

In moving the last-named, the Colonial Secretary said:—

By Your Excellency's command I rise to move the first reading of the Bill to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary sum of \$292,104.79 to defray the charges of the year 1928.

This is the smallest Supplementary Appropriation figure for many years. It is smaller even than that for 1927 which was itself a record for recent times and it reflects an increasing closeness of financial control and care in cutting the administrative cost according to the legislature's allowance of cloth. In fact the total expenditure for the year is only \$21,250,242.00 as against the authorised budget of \$22,138,015.00. Details of the principal heads on which savings are shown are given in the Treasurer's report on the finances for the year 1928 a copy of which members will find among the papers before them.

Recruiting Difficulty

It will be noted that lapsing salaries are among the causes of savings on a number of heads and while some of these are attributable to calculated economy, others are, I regret to say, due to the difficulty of attracting an adequate supply of recruits to certain branches of this Government's service, notably the Medical and Education Departments which have been and are still understaffed in respect of home-recruited officers.

The same point also gives the principal heads showing excess expenditure. Of these the first item—that for the Railway—is, as will be seen elsewhere, more than counter-balanced by an excess of revenue resulting from the resumption of regular through traffic with Canton. This traffic, as members may be aware, has only been made practicable by the use of the engines of the British Section and its maintenance reflects great credit on the staff of the department especially those responsible for making and keeping the engines fit for a type of duty for which they were never designed.

Military Contribution

The second item of excess is also in a sense, a matter for congratulation because increased military contribution indicates increased revenue. Revenue in fact was nearly \$5,000,000 more than our estimate for the year and even when allowance has been made for recredits arising from our new policy of development by loan there is still a handsome surplus—nearly \$3,000,000 of which the most gratifying item is the figure for land sales which realised nearly a million and a half above the estimate. There is no better index of the Colony's progress and prosperity than the demand for land within its borders. I am happy to be able to say that in spite of the invasion of the "struggler" into our opium monopoly our revenue continues to be well above the average of our budget for the year, and if

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Tramp (to Aberdonian who has refused him aims): "You might have been civil about it at any rate. Civility costs nothing."

Aberdonian: "Does it not? It cost me a penny to say 'please' in a telegram the other day."

"Thankful? What have I got to be thankful for? I can't even pay my debts."

"Why, man, be thankful you're not one of your creditors."

"This dining-room table goes back to Louis the Fourteenth."

"That's nothing. My whole sitting-room suite goes back to Brown and Jackson's on the fifteenth."

A young man who was deeply in love with a girl who lived in another town decided to offer his hand and heart. So he went to the telegraph office and sent this message: "Will you marry me? Twenty-word answer paid for."

An hour later he got his answer: "You are too extravagant. Why pay for nineteen words too many? No."

Jones, who had made up his mind to give a little musical party, thought he would inform his cook of the fact, so as to give her plenty of time to prepare. "I am giving a musical party on Tuesday evening, cook," he said, "so I shall expect you to do your very best." "Certainly, sir!" she said, "I ain't sung for donkeys' years, but you can put me down for 'Sonnie Boy.'"

The notice in the window said: "Boots repaired," so the small boy went in.

"Please, father wants 'em mended," he ventured, timidly, handing over a pair of boots, "and 'e needs 'em for Sunday."

"What's he want done to them?" inquired the tradesman.

"Wants 'em soled and 'ealed," piped the youngster. "Also stretched."

"Stretched as well, eh? Where do they pinch him?"

"They don't pinch him," replied the son. "He pinched them."

"Dad!" exclaimed Monty, bursting into the room, "I'm not in the lowest form any more." Dad raised his eyebrows. His offspring had proved a disappointing scholar, and the news was hard to believe. "Is this really true?" he demanded. "You're sure you're not deceiving me?"

"Course not, dad," said Monty, "I'm moved up." "Good boy! I'm very pleased to hear it," said his father. "And in order to show you that the seeds of industry bear fruit, here is five shillings. Tell me—how did you come to be moved up?"

"Like this, dad," said Monty, pocketing the money with a grim. "The lowest form is being mended."

"Waiter!" From the table by the window the voice of an elderly gentleman rose in wrathful accents. "Waiter!"

"Yes, sir," replied the much harassed one, hastening forward.

The elderly gentleman, overcome by his emotions, made several vain efforts to speak. Then: "Take this egg away," he roared. "Take it away!"

"Yes, sir," said the waiter obligingly, as he glanced wistfully at the offending article. "And—what shall I do with it, sir?"

"Do with it?" The outraged customer rose menacingly from his chair. "Do with it!" he followed fiercely. "Why, take it away and wring its neck!"

Mr. Swindlem was just going to put up the shutters to his drapery shop on that Saturday afternoon when the lady came in and bought some things. "How much is that?"

"Three shillings, please, madam."

"Dear me! And I have only two shillings and elevenpence on me! Can't you let me have the things for that?" "I'm afraid not, madam," said Mr. Swindlem. "But you can pay the next time you come in."

"Supposing I die?" said the customer, laughing. "It would be a small loss," answered the draper.

Mother: "That young Mr. Sallman has been paying you a lot of attention lately. Do you think he means business?"

Daughter: "I'm sure he does; he represents a motor firm, and wants Daddy to buy me a new car."

Big Man in Audience (turning round): "Can't you see anything?"

Little Man: "Can't see a streak of the stage."

Big Man: "Why, then, I'll tell you what to do. You keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."

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The programme of music, which is published in full, tells its own story of the treat in store.

Part I.

1. March, "Spirit of Paganini"—Fletcher.
2. Overture, "William Tell"—Rossini.
3. Songs (a), "Meet Me"—Castling and Collins.
(Down by the — den Gate).
(b) "Don't be cruel to a vegetable."
4. Selection, "Melodious Memories"—Finck.
5. Rhapsodie, "Slayonic"—Friedemann.

Interval of 10 minutes

6. Selection, "Gems of Sullivan"—Arr. Godfrey.
7. Songs, (a) "Friend o' Mine"—Sanderson.
(b) "All Joy be Thine"—Sanderson.

Mr. R. McA. Keown.
8. Musical Comedy, "This year of Grace"—Coward.
9. (a) Song Fox Trot, "Sonny Boy"—De Sylva.
(b) The Season's One Step, "Shinanki Bai"—Carlton.
"Blue Bonnets o'er the Border."
God Save the King.
Conductor:—Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

COMMANDANT'S ORDERS FOR ENSUING WEEK

SPORTS MEETING COMMITTEE

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant:—
Owing to all rifles having to be retained at Headquarters for the annual inspection, it is regretted that the Peak Range cannot be allotted for firing during the month of July.

Sports Meeting

A meeting of the Sports Committee will assemble at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, July 8.

All ranks interested and willing to assist in organising the annual sports meeting and swimming meeting are invited to attend.

All O.C. Units will please detail a unit representative to attend.

A conference will be held at Corps Headquarters at 8 p.m. to-day, to which all partaking in the competition are invited to attend.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting

A meeting of the Sergeants' Mess will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Will all members please make an effort to attend.

Arms

All rifles will be returned to Corps Headquarters immediately for annual inspection.

Corps Band

The Band will parade for Band Practice in mufti at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mounted Infantry Company
Thursday:—Parade at Causeway Bay Stables at 5.30 p.m. for Peckisaddle drill.

Machine Gun Company
Recruits Parade will be held on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

N.G.O.'s Class. Instructor's Class will be held on Friday, June 28, at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company
Pipe Band. Wednesday. The Pipes and Drums will parade at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. for practice.

Portuguese Company
N.G.O.'s Class. All N.G.O.'s are reminded that the next class will be held at Headquarters to-day, at 5.30 p.m. followed by a short meeting.

Rifles and Bayonet. There are still a number of rifles and bayonets that have not as yet been returned to Corps Store. These must be returned to Store immediately without further warning. Platoon Sergeants will render to O.C. Company by Monday, reports that this has been done.

Long Service Medal
H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Force Long Service Medal to Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., the Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., on June 11.

Struck off the Colour:—
No. 696 Pte. A. T. Stubbs, Car Section, as from April 12.

No. 1074 Pte. A. T. Hunter, M.I. Company, as from May 25.

No. 1425 Pte. C. T. Quin, No. 2 Platoon, as from June 15.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Corps.

NOTICE

Machine Gun Company Rifle Club
The Machine Gun Company Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, to compete for Company Commander's Cup.

Portuguese Company—Billiards
All those interested in Billiards, please communicate with the O.C. Company immediately.

A sparrow has made a nest in a police cell at Southend, lying in and out through a hole where a brick was dislodged.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

LIFE OF THE MAN-LIKE GORILLA

AN EPIC OF THRILLS

A turgid muddy river, studded in places with dark and filthy mudflats, on which bask huge somnolent alligators, lying like logs but with jaws ever ready to seize and crush in relentless grip, the foolhardy man or animal that ventures too close; loathsome looking places, infested with deadly water snakes and insects, and the even more deadly malarial germ, but typical of the dread feeling of impending peril that seems to fill the air of this oldest of continents, and the one about which man-kind knows the least. Men like Stanley, Livingstone, Rhodes and the ancient Vasco De Gama, gave their lives to learn for humanity a little of the mystery that has always enveloped Africa.

Ben Burbridge deserves to have his name perpetuated in a like manner for in "The Gorilla Hunt," his picture which is being shown to-day and to-morrow at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, he has given to the world as much as any of the rest; and he has given it in a manner that proves, not merely asserts, as the case has been before, that there "are more things on earth than this world dreams of."

He has perpetuated in his picture all that Stanley and Livingstone surmised, and at the cost of great personal peril and injury, has given to the world a true and living representation of the life and actions of the man-like gorilla, that has its haunts on the misty slopes of mighty Mt. Mikenzo, in the far-off fastnesses of the Belgian Congo.

"THE WALTZ DREAM"

German Production at the Queen's

"The Waltz Dream," (based on the famous operetta), an extremely beautiful German production, is being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow, at the usual times and prices.

The picture in itself is lavishly produced, the strong cast doing all that can be expected of them: Beautiful scenes of Vienna and gay Viennese nights are screened, mingled with comedy and the romance of a Prince Consort (Willy Fritsch) and a pretty cabaret girl (Zita Dreni). Royally, however, must marry Royal blood, and thus the Prince's love turns for his wife (Mady Christians) again, although he did not like her at first, but later she resolved to like her for modern ideas and thus recaptured his love.

Among others of note in the cast are Jacob Tiedtke, Julius Falkenstein, and Carl Beckersack's Musical Director W. J. Iles and the Orchestra of the Queen's Theatre are to be congratulated on the splendid musical effects, which were rendered (especially Strauss's Waltzes) to the full appreciation of the audience and satisfaction of music lovers.

"SPITE MARRIAGE"

Buster Keaton's Latest Farce

Playing the hero of an absolutely straight drama, which any romantic hero could play with no changes whatever in plot or action, is the unique method by which Buster Keaton has made one of his most successful comedies, "Spite Marriage," his new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer vehicle, which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday.

"Spite Marriage" sees Keaton in such a role as John Gilbert might play. But his own particular playing turns it into comedy. His comical mistakes, and his deportment in thrills, battles, and other details, make the story an uproarious farce.

The new picture is a hitting romance of back-stage theatre life, with a shipwreck, chase with rum runners, and a few other thrills thrown in.

Dorothy Sebastian, Lella Hyams, Edward Earle, William Bechtel, John Byron and others of note are in the cast.

CASE THAT FAILED

MANAGER OF THE EMPRESS HOTEL DISCHARGED.

Yesterday Major C. Willson, O.B.E., discharged the Chinese manager of the Empress Hotel who was charged with obtaining a promissory note from another Chinese by false pretences.

The case for the prosecution was that defendant gave the note to the complainant against a loan of \$4,000. Later he paid \$400 on account and on the pretext that he wanted to have the note "chopped" got possession of it and absconded. The defence was that complainant was aware that defendant was unable to pay the full \$4,000 and allowed a mutual friend to arrange a settlement. This witness said that his efforts resulted in the defendant raising \$400 which he was willing to pay in full settlement of the note. This was explained to complainant, and he being agreeable, witness arranged a meeting of the parties and the money and note changed hands.

SOVIET PUBLICATION

Peking, Yesterday.
A message from Harbin says that on the grounds that it spreads Bolshevism, the police have suspended publication of the "Novyi Zenit," the official Soviet organ at Harbin.

This was the last issue of "Soviet Zenit" published in Harbin—Route.

BABY'S GYMNASTICS

PRODUCING HEALTH AT AN EARLY AGE

PROPER DEPORTMENT

Hildegard Junkers-Kutnewsky, M.D., writes:—

In order to meet the demands and dangers of school-life, a child must acquire a proper deportment when standing, walking or sitting. For this purpose it must have the muscles of the whole trunk trained and strengthened, a process to be commenced when the child is still a baby. Indeed, the chief work of the baby is to digest and to prepare itself for erecting the spine.

It is the many and varied physical exercises performable with the trunk which develop in the child a straight spine supported by strong muscles, a uniformly arched chest, suppleness and certainty of movement. These exercises will naturally be practised under the guidance of the party in charge of the child. In applying them, it is essential to arouse the child's delight in what is required of it. The child must not be conscious of the labour it is performing, but must feel the whole process to play and not work. To this end, it is advisable to give a catchy name to each exercise so as to awaken the child's fancy and its interest in what it is doing.

The mother will lift the legs of her two-year-old baby and get it to crawl on its hands; this she will call "pushing the wheelbarrow." Or she will call the arms "a windmill" or an "aeroplane screw" and teach the child "to fly," thus converting the tedious arm practice into a jolly game.

Similarly, almost all trunk practice may become play in the hands of a skilful mother. Bending forwards and backwards with raised hands may be called opening and closing "papa's pocket-knife." Again, the arms are alternately swung over the head, the trunk turning lightly on the hips, a movement which the mother will compare to the picture of the "Milkmaid who Placed a Full Pail on Her Head."

A favourite position for the exerciser is lying on the back. In this posture the children lay hold of their heels and, slowly, raise themselves forwards or backwards between the knees and the floor. Trunk movements may also be practised in a kneeling position.

Further, the child lies down on its stomach and supports itself on its hands. In this position a large number of games may be played. A whole menagerie may be imitated in this and similar postures: thus, the child hops like a frog or jumps like a hare or plays the giant by walking on its toes or the dwarf by walking with bent knees.

All this is fun to the children; and the various imitations should be introduced as rewards between the easy but tedious movements. Moreover, children almost always hit upon ideas of their own; these should, of course, be adopted and the mother should not be sparing of her praise and admiration.

The impulse to play has been implanted in the child by nature. Play is its unconscious work, whose purpose is to prepare it for the work of life. And here is this to be remembered that, with the child, the physical conditions are interestingly reversed; when the child's posture is tranquil, the circumstances are less favourable to the functions of the heart and lungs than when the movements are vigorous. Hence, running, jumping, hopping and other gymnastic movements are things to which the child has an inherited right—a right which it is the duty of its parents or guardians to assist in exercising.

WHALE-HUNTING

STRONG CURRENT SENT THROUGH HARPOONS

The method of electrocution is to be applied to whale-hunting during the coming season in the Antarctic. The usual way of killing whales is to shoot a harpoon into the animal, and either let it tire itself to death by tugging the whaleboat, or to fix explosives to the harpoon. Both these methods are cruel, and to some degree uneconomical, because of the whale's great loss of blood before death.

The new method provides for a metal line attached to the rope which connects the harpoon with the whale-ship. When the harpoon has landed in the whale, a strong electric current is sent along the line, causing immediate death. It remains to be seen whether the electric current affects the quality of the oil, which is the main object of whale-hunting.

LOCAL LIMERICKS

(By Acvo.)

We all of us want to see rain.
Descend from the Heavens again.
If the shortage of water
Should get any shorter
Twill all be cut off at the main!

From Tanks, every coolie must lag
His dole, in a tin or a jug.
And Tipples (the wretched)
Don't dare fill a bath full
And hardly like pulling the * * * *

So I think it is perfectly plain
That (in spite of it causing us pain)
We must all volunteer
To drink nothing but Beer
Till the reservoirs fill up again!

Colonel G. H. and Mrs. Trollope, of Liphook, Surrey, have received the congratulations of the King and Queen on the celebration of their diamond wedding.

The Governor of Hong Kong Hospital, Wandsworth Common, are to buy 750 worth of radium for the treatment of cancer cases.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

ENTERTAINMENTS

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"The Waltz Dream."

To-day—World Theatre;

"Hagman's House."

To-day—Star Theatre;

"The Way of All Flesh."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"The Gorilla Hunt."

June 22—At Repulse Bay, special entertainment at the dinner dances.

June 22—Kowloon Cricket Club Band and Vocal Concert, 8.15 p.m.

June 23-25, Queen's Theatre; Buster Keaton in "Spite Marriage."

Home Malls

To-morrow—Inward from Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ("Pres. Pierce").

To-morrow—Outward for Straits and Europe via Marseilles ("Rajputana"), 10.30 a.m.

Land Sale

June 24—At P.W.D. Office, two lots of Crown land at Shamshui, 3 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions

To-day—At Sales Room, a collection of valuable postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

June 22—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a quantity of miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Meetings

To-day—Meeting of full committee of Water Emergency, Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

July 6—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming's office, noon.

Miscellaneous

June 23—Opening of bathing pavilion of S.C.A.A. at Quarry Bay, 2.30 p.m.

ASSAM FLOODS

THOUSANDS OF VILLAGERS HOMELESS

CHOLERA OUTBREAK

Sylhet, Assam, Yesterday.

Sudden floods have caused acute distress in the Sylhet and Cachar districts, and the water is rising two feet daily.

Communication with the gardens has been cut off. Villagers along the riverside are panic-stricken, and have abandoned their cattle and property and fled to the hills.

The Dhalai valley is flooded and there are a number of fatalities. An area of 5,500 square miles, with a population of 1,750,000, is affected.

Cholera also has broken out and thousands are half-starving. A Relief Committee has been formed, and a minimum of ten lakhs of rupees is required.

The authorities are sending a large quantity of rice to relieve the hungry.—Reuter.

CRICKET CHANGES

FACTS AND FIGURES ON FIRST WEEK'S PLAY

Although the small scores of the week's county cricket (starting May 4) give the impression that the experimental cricket and L.B.W. laws are telling against the batsmen, it would be unwise to draw this conclusion: Pitches in some cases have favoured the bowler.

Thus the fact that during that week's County Championship matches the following return was recorded:—
Total wickets. Bowled. L.b.w. 227 86 39

may be attributable to the state of the pitch rather than the new conditions of play. The percentages, approximately, are: Bowled, 37; L.b.w., 17.

Come to Stay?

It is too early, of course, to speak at all accurately of the effects of the experiments, says the "Ashley News." The following views, however, give an indication of the progress of events:—

A. F. Wensley (Sussex): The new regulations have made little, if any, difference so far, although they should certainly prove of assistance to bowlers under certain conditions.

J. Stone (the umpire): The new conditions must tell against the batsmen, if only for the reason that more decisions will inevitably be given against them.

Capt. W. A. Worsley (Yorkshire captain): It is really too early for a definite opinion to be formed. I think the L.B.W. change has probably come to stay, and good may result from the bowlers' point of view by the instruction that in case of doubt the leaning should be to the bowler. I was not conscious that the wicket was any different until the match had been a few overs in progress.

R.M. Morris (Essex captain): So far I am inclined to the view that the changes have made little difference. If anything, the higher wicket will tend to make the batting slower. In two matches we have had only one case of a batsman being out under the new L.B.W. law.

M. S. Jewell (Worcestershire): At present I have noticed no difference in having to defend a larger wicket. In the long run I do not think it will make too great a difference to the game.

Frederic Root (the Worcestershire bowler): Thirty-three wickets fell in our match with Sussex, but only one was made by the new law before play on the larger wicket. It did not help batsmen as the papers prophesied.

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IN OTHER PLACES.

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN

TO JAVA

Mrs. J. P. Swettenham is now

well enough to see visitors.

Dr. T. Roys, of the British Eclipse Expedition, left Bangkok for Kuala Lumpur.

The marriage of Mr. James F. Castell, of Messrs. Paterson, Simons & Co., Ltd., took place at St. George's Church, Penang, on June 14. His bride, Miss Laura Kenyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon, of Stockport arrived on the "Kluva."

The Note regarding the rendition of the Provisional Court will be sent to the representatives of the various Powers by the Waichiao, says the Chinese press. Meanwhile, the Thibet Road Street Union, Shanghai, has issued a circular demanding the rendition of the court without further delay.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marie Josephine Smith, daughter of the late Mr. Pierre H. Smith and Madame Josephine Smith, of Rennes, Paris, and Mr. P. J. Dwyer, elder son of the late Mr. P. Dwyer and Mrs. Dwyer, of Mill Hill, London. Both the engaged couple are of Messrs. Robinson and Co., Ltd., Kuala Lumpur.

Certain members of the Chinese Bar Association have petitioned the Ministry of Justice drawing attention to the fact that there are about 20 "lawyers" engaged in practice in Shanghai who are alleged to possess diplomas purporting to have been issued by a Japanese university. The disbarment of these men is asked for.

Many people checking their watches with the Shanghai Customs clock a recent afternoon were apparently surprised to find their own timekeepers much faster than usual. Inquiries were made and it was ascertained that Big Ching had stopped. It appears that an employee of the Radio Company, which has a number of wires in the Customs building, was permitted to go up into the tower and, whilst there, adjusted some of the wires, some of which became twisted with Big Ching's hand and prevented it from moving. Upon discovery, this was adjusted and Big Ching sounds his voice over Shanghai as usual and marks the correct time once more.

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LAND OFFICE

WHAT THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1928 SHOWS

INCREASE IN REGISTRATIONS

The report of the Land Officer for the year 1928 states:

Registration
During the year four thousand seven hundred and ninety eight (4,798) instruments were registered under the provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1844, an increase of 170 on the preceding year.

The total number of instruments registered under the provision of the above mentioned Ordinance (since 1844) to the end of the year 1928 was 113,126.

The total consideration on sales, mortgages, surrenders and miscellaneous land transactions amounted to \$140,481,255.63.

Grants of Land
The total area of land leased during the year under review was 462 acres 1 rood and 1 2/5 poles of which 393 acres and 38 2/5 poles were dealt with by the District Officers.

Surrenders
Sixty four (64) surrenders of land required for public purposes (including surrenders under contracts of exchange) were prepared and registered in the Land Office, the total consideration for those required for public purposes amounting to \$45,690.98.

Crown Leases
Two hundred and thirty five (235) Crown leases were issued during the year, as against 196 in the previous year—an increase of 39.

The total amount of fees collected (exclusive of the New Territories) amounted to \$85,085.00 being an increase of \$8,477.50 on the preceding year.

Land Registration Fees in the New Territories amounted to \$2,555.30 and Crown Lease Fees to \$30.

Stamp Duties

Stamp Duties paid on registered documents (exclusive of Probates and Letters of Administration) amounted to \$1,299,441.31.

Stamp Duties on Probates and Letters of Administration registered amounted to \$582,871.35.

Crown Rents
The number of lots entered on the Hong Kong and Kowloon Crown rent roll was 5,516—an increase of 182 on the preceding year.

The Crown rents on this roll amounted to \$576,427.50—an increase on the preceding year of \$26,491.13.

The number of lots entered on the Village Crown rent roll was 3,289—a decrease of 23 on the preceding year.

The Crown rents on this roll amounted to \$1,737.05 as compared with \$1,822.55 in the preceding year—a decrease of \$85.50.

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MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London

Bank, wire 1/11 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/11 3/16
Bank, 30 days' sight 1/11 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/11 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 2/- 3/16
Documentary 4 months' sight 2/- 3/16

On Paris

On demand 1197 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 1272 1/2

On Berlin

On demand 46 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 48 1/2

On Bombay

Wire 129 1/2
On demand 129 1/2

On Calcutta

Wire 129 1/2
On demand 129 1/2

On Singapore

On demand 83 1/2

On Manila

On demand 94

On Shanghai

On demand 81
30 days' sight (private paper) 81

On Yokohama

On demand 106
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 10.00

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)

Silver (per oz.) 24.7 1/2
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Copper Cash

Copper Cents 4% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coll.

Hong Kong Sub. Coll. Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.
Paris 124.
New York 4.84 2/32
Brussels 34.98
Geneva 25.19 1/2
Amsterdam 12.07 1/2
Milan 92.65
Berlin 20.33
Stockholm 18.09 1/2
Copenhagen 18.20 1/2
Oslo 18.19 1/2
Vienna 34.51
Prague 163 1/2
Helsingfors 193
Madrid 34.05 1/2
Lisbon 108 1/2
Athens 375
Bucharest 817
Rio 57 1/2
Buenos Aires 47 1/18
Bombay 1/5 15/16 (?)
Shanghai 2/4 3/4
Hong Kong 1/11 3/4
Yokohama 1/9 20/32
Silver Spot & Forward 24 7/16
—British Wireless Service.

The total Crown rents amounted to \$577,214.64—an increase of \$26,445.63 on the year 1927.

The increase was occasioned by the sale of new lots and revision of Crown rents.

Documents
Six hundred and eighty three (683) miscellaneous documents were prepared in the Land Office during the year, viz—

(a) Two hundred and thirty five (235) Crown Leases (with counterparts).

(b) One hundred and forty nine (149) Memorials for the registration of Undertakings relating to Verandas and Balconies over Crown Land.

(c) Sixty four (64) surrenders of land required for public purposes, street improvements and private exchanges.

(d) Three (3) deeds of covenant relating to scavenging lanes.

(e) One hundred and eighty five (185) agreements for leases, exchanges, surrenders and permits.

(f) Forty seven (47) memorials of re-entry.

Naval and Military Lands
A parcel of land portion of the Victoria Cantonment at the junction of Queen's Road and Garden Road was placed at the disposal of the Colonial Government by His Majesty's Secretary of State for War for the purpose of road improvement and the instrument of transfer is in course of completion.

On March 14, 1927, His Excellency the Governor was pleased to appoint the Land Officer Mr. Philip Jacks to act as Police Judge until further notice, the Assistant Land Officer Lt. Col. Frederick Byles, D.S.O. to act as Land Officer and Mr. William James Lockhart-Smith to act as Assistant Land Officer with effect from March 18, 1927. These appointments still continue. The following promotions in and transfers and appointments to the staff occurred during the year:

Li Kung-shan promoted to Class III Clerk from 1.1.1927.

Miss Jenny T. White appointed Stenographer from 1.1.1928.

Wong Kwan-ki transferred from Public Works Department as Class V.I.R. Clerk from 1.1.1928 to the Services on 1.1.1928.

Wong Kin-shing appointed Class V.I.R. Clerk on 1.1.1928 and left the Service on 1.1.1928.

Wong Kwan-ki appointed Class V.I.R. Clerk on 1.1.1928.

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Shanghai Docks \$133 1/2 b

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TENNIS IN BRITAIN

FRANCE LOSE IN WOMEN'S MATCH

TILDEN STILL WINNING

Eastbourne, Yesterday.
The women's lawn tennis team match between Britain and France resulted in Britain winning by twelve matches to nil.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.

In the fifth round of the men's singles in the London lawn tennis championships, W. T. Tilden (America) beat Coen, his 17-year-old pupil, 6-2, 6-3, and E. T. Hunter (Tilden's partner in doubles) beat Wilmer Allison 6-2, 6-1. Both winners enter the semi-final.—Reuter.

HONG DOUBLES TIES AT THE H.K.C.C.

Yesterday's tennis matches at the Hong Kong Cricket Club resulted as follows:

Hong Doubles.—H. Spicer and J. Thayer (B. & S.) rec. 15/3, beat W. A. Novers and E. D. Lawrence (A.P.C.) owe 15/3, by 6-0; 6-4. B. G. Grigor and A. W. Blackford (E. E. Tel. Co.) rec. 3/6, beat H. R. Remington and H. Owen Hughes (Harry Wicking) owe 15, by 6-4; 12-10. E. R. Brown and H. R. Persyph (Linstead and Davis) rec. 15/1, received a walk-over from J. A. H. Plummer and E. J. R. Mitchell (Bradley) rec. 1/6.

Today's Matches

J. S. McEachern and J. A. Summers (Chartered Bank) owe 15/3, v. H. V. Parker and E. D. Black (H.K. Bank) owe 2/6.

C. E. Holmes and A. C. I. Bowker (Doubles) owe 3/6 v. C. Blaker and L. Goldman (Gilmans) owe 15/3.

WORKING GIRL TO PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

London, May.

A message from San Francisco stated that America's new woman lawn tennis star, Miss Edith Cross, a San Francisco working girl, will sail with Miss Helen Wills for a tour of European tennis courts. It will be her first journey across the Atlantic.

Mrs. Wills will chaperone her daughter and Miss Cross. They will play at Wimbledon, and will also play in Holland on May 11 and 12, in France on May 17, 18 and 19, and in Germany on June 7, 8 and 9.

A "Comptometer"

Miss Cross is employed in the San Francisco office of A. G. Spalding and Co., manufacturers of sporting goods, as a "comptometer," which means that she uses a typewriter accounting machine requiring expert handling.

The Spalding company has given her a holiday for the European trip, and her expenses will be paid by the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Miss Cross has been chosen for Miss Wills' companion because Miss Wills took a special liking to her, and urged the United States Lawn Tennis Association to permit her to go. She will play in doubles with Miss Wills on the European courts, and will also play in singles. Her rise to the position of a

star is one of the most sudden in tennis annals. She was little known until 1927, when she achieved some reputation by winning the San Francisco women's singles championship, and, with Miss Carolyn Swartz, the doubles championship. She also won the Bay Counties women's singles championship, and, with Miss Dorothea Swartz, the doubles championship.

Hard Won Battle

Miss Cross made her debut in the eastern part of the United States last year, and made an excellent impression in the National Women's Championship at Forest Hill, where she reached the semi-finals, in which she was defeated by Miss Wills, 6-0, 6-1. This score, however, did not tell the real story, for she ran Miss Wills to death in six games, and gave her a hard battle throughout.

She was given third ranking position for 1928 among American women players, although she was not among the first twenty in 1927.

Miss Cross is aged about twenty-five, and is fair, with pretty features. Her best points are powerful well-placed ground strokes and general aggressiveness. Her service is not specially strong, but she plays with her head all the time.



Just a bit of pleasure to break the stiff routine of training finds Maxie Schmeling, above, swinging a wicked driver on the golf course. The German heavy has just started training for his bout with Paulino.

BOXING

FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE

HOLDER DEFEATED

Paris, Yesterday.
In the flyweight championship of Europe, Rust (France) beat Pladner, the holder, in the fifteenth round.—Reuter.

SEVEN-YEAR-OLDS TO BE MATCHED

Perhaps the youngest boxers who had ever exhibited their powers in public were seen in mail week at the Chelsea Palace Theatre, when Master Maurice Macmillan, the eight-year-old grandson of the Duke of Devonshire, was to try his skill against Master Harry Hoare, aged seven, nephew of the Marchioness of Londonderry.

The Hon. Thomas Fairfax, who is six, and the Hon. Charles Bennett, Lord Tankerville's seven-year-old

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grandson, were also among the list of youthful pugilists, who were all extremely enthusiastic and were enjoying furious practice.

This junior boxing tournament was to take place during an entertainment to be given, chiefly by children, in the Metropolitan Hospital matinee. Lady Mary Cambridge, the Queen's great-niece, who is four years old, was to be the fairy queen in a woodland ballet, which would include performers even younger than herself.

Tableaux of Ancestors

One of the most spectacular features of the entertainment, which was to be seen by Princess Mary, was to be the tableaux of ancestors, suggested by the Hon. Mrs. Richard Hoare, Lady Londonderry's sister.

Famous pictures of men and women illustrious in history were copied to the smallest detail by clever costumiers. Thus Lady Anne Cavendish-Bentinck, granddaughter of the Duke of Portland, was to appear as Lord Titchfield, as portrayed by Sir Joshua Reynolds. Her sister, Lady Margaret, was to appear as the second Duchess of Portland; Master Harry Hoare was to impersonate his ancestor the seventeenth Earl of Sutherland.

Lady Mary Stewart, the little daughter of the Marquis of Londonderry, was to wear a costume copied from the striking portrait of her great-great-grandfather by Sir Thomas Lawrence. The Hon. Patrick Plunket, Lord Plunket's eldest son, was to represent his famous ancestor, Sheridan, as Romney saw him.

GOLF

ADAMSON CUP AT FANLING CANCELLED

For the June Qualifying Competition for the Adamson Cup at Fanling, only three members took out cards, so the competition for June is cancelled.

OUR OBSERVATORY

(Continued from Page 4.)

and on the roof of No. 49 Godown of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.

The following Ports are warned by a telegraphic adaptation of the code:—Shanghai, Sharp Peak Swatow, Amoy Santus, Macao, Canton, Wuchow, Phu-lai, Taihoku, Manila, Labuan and Singapore. 103 storm warnings were sent in 1928. 187 were received from Manila and 144 from Zikawei. The corresponding numbers in 1927 were 136, 154 and 188 respectively. Calcutta was warned on August 26 and 27 of the passage of typhoons, across Indo-China in a westerly direction.

Arrangements were made early in the year 1927 for the more rapid dissemination of typhoon warnings by telephone. The Observatory now warns 6 stations, 3 of which are distributing stations. Of these one warns 1 station, 3 of which are distributing stations. Of the latter one warns 11 stations, 2 of which are distributing stations. In all 86 stations or officials are warned. This service requires specially qualified operators at the Exchange, who come on duty when the red signal is hoisted.

Special forecasts and storm warnings were issued to the Far Eastern Flight during their passage from Singapore to Hong Kong and return, in November.

Observations from Ships & Ports

Logs received.—In addition to meteorological registers kept at about 40 stations in China meteorological logs were received from 186 ships operating in the Far East. These logs, representing 9,425 days' observations have been utilised for amplifying the weather maps and verifying type-in tracks. The corresponding figures for the year 1927 were 169 and 7,221.

Comparison of Barometers

The corrections to ships' barometers are usually obtained by comparing their readings while at Hong Kong with those of the Observatory Standard. Occasionally ship captains bring their barometers to the Observatory to be compared with the Observatory Standard.

Magnetic Observations

Photographic registration of declination, horizontal force and vertical force was commenced at Au Tau on January 31. The declination registers have been generally satisfactory, but the horizontal and vertical force traces are subject to derangements due to causes at present obscure. The range of temperature in the magnetograph house is too great. Superior insulation and thermostatic control of the inner chamber are desirable.

The assistance of the Officer-in-Charge of the Au Tau Police Station

was kindly granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police for changing sheets, battery charging etc., but owing to Police staff changes and illness this plan was abandoned on July 1, when a Chinese attendant was engaged for the work and given quarters in the Police Station. It has been difficult to impress upon the attendant the necessity for extreme care in handling photographic paper, and honesty and promptitude in reporting defects. In consequence much register has been lost, and although some improvement has been recently effected the present arrangements are unsatisfactory. It will ultimately be necessary to adopt others of a more elaborate nature, if reliable results are to be obtained.

Miscellaneous

Seismograph.—No alterations were made to the seismograph during the year. New needle points were fitted as required. As against 202 in 1927, 183 earthquakes were recorded during the year 1928, one of which was felt at Hong Kong; at 10.58.30 p.m. on January 29. During a severe earthquake which occurred about 2,500 kms. from Hong Kong, in the morning of March 10, the seismograph showed an amplitude in a N-S direction of 98 mms. and in an E-W direction 73 mms.

The seismographs have been forwarded to the President of the International Seismological Committee, Oxford, to be dealt with.

Upper Air Research

64 Balloon ascents were made during the year. 69 temperature flights were made in aeroplanes by Officers of the R.A.F., Kai Tak, and 2 by Officers of H.M.S. "Hermes." On July 23 Flying Officer F.M.V. May reached a height of 19,000 feet in 109 minutes, the temperature at this height being 25.7 deg (F).

The results of the Pilot balloon observations have been forwarded to the Secretary of the International Commission for the exploration of the upper air.

The results of the temperature flights have been tabulated and plotted. They show a mean lapse rate of 2.78 deg (F) per thousand feet, up to 15,000 feet, in the Spring and 3 deg. (F) in the Summer. In the Autumn and Winter the observations are not sufficiently numerous to admit the calculation of even approximate mean values. The lapse rate of relative humidity is extremely variable in all seasons of the year. During the passage through clouds, an increase of humidity will naturally be recorded, but even on clear days there appears to be no definite lapse rate, the humidity curves for individual flights being very irregular. On August 22, though cumulus clouds were prevalent up to 20,000 feet, the humidity fell from 84 per cent. at 7,000 feet to 38 per cent. at 14,000 feet. On several occasions a dry layer was found from 10,000 to 13,000 feet, between wet layers.

The following days were selected by the International Commission as days for international ascents:—March 12-17, July 17-19 and November 12-17. March was chosen as the "international month". From March 12-17 and November 12-17 the weather at Hong Kong was cloudy.

Visitors

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southorn visited the Observatory on October 12.

Flying Officer Vaughan Fowler R.A.F. came to interview the Director on February 23 in connection with the meteorological needs of a proposed civil aviation company for Hong Kong.

Professor G. Penzel visited the Observatory on March 31 in connection with the establishment of meteorological stations throughout Kwangtung.

Lieut. Commander J. H. Drummond R.N., the newly appointed Superintendent of the Chart and Chronometer Department of the Air Ministry, visited the Naval Yard and representative of the Air Ministry, visited the Observatory on August 30.

Group Captain Cave Brown Cave R.A.F. and Officers of the Far Eastern Flight visited the Observatory on November 24 and 27, to enquire as to weather conditions. The flight to Indo-China was delayed by a typhoon in the China Sea.

Staff

No change occurred in the European or Local Staff during the year. Mr. B. D. Evans, First Assistant, was on leave of absence from March 24 to December 25.

Expenditure

The annual expenditure on the Observatory for the past ten years is as follows:—

1919	£23,450.57
1920	25,965.86
1921	32,701.51
1922	38,350.10
1923	38,522.58
1924	52,638.49
1925	41,955.51
1926	45,153.37
1927	36,684.39
1928	35,434.52

Acknowledgments

Acknowledgments are here made to the Naval Authorities for their co-operation in securing daily observations from H.M. ships and upper air temperatures by means of sea planes; to the Directors of Weather Services in the Far East, and the Chinese Maritime Customs Authorities, for daily observations by cable and radio-telegraphy, and extra observations during typhoon weather, to the Telegraph Companies for transmitting the majority of the observations free of charge, to the Commanders of vessels who have furnished meteorological observations by post and by radio-telegraphy, to the Directors of the various Observatories and Institutions, and private persons, who have presented their publications to the Library, and to the Observatory staff for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their respective duties.

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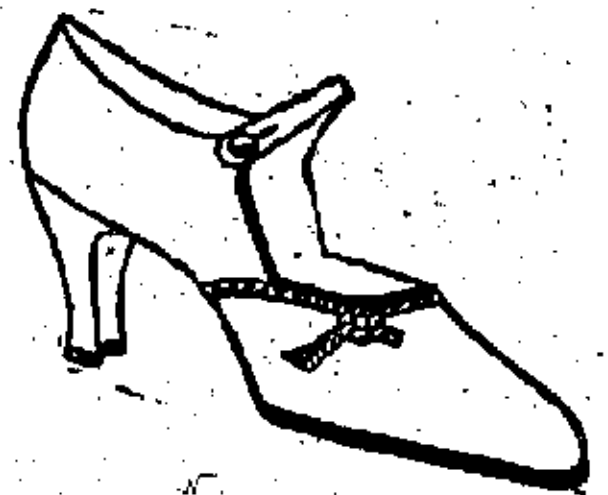
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Joe Dundee, welterweight champion, has signed articles at Baltimore to accept \$50,000 for a title bout with Jackie Fields. Left to right, seated, Max Waxman, manager of the title man; Joe Dundee, signing the contract; Floyd Fitzsimmons, Detroit promoter; and Louis Dundee, Joe's son. Left to right, standing, Henry Franklin and Lew Fisher, who are also fight promoters.

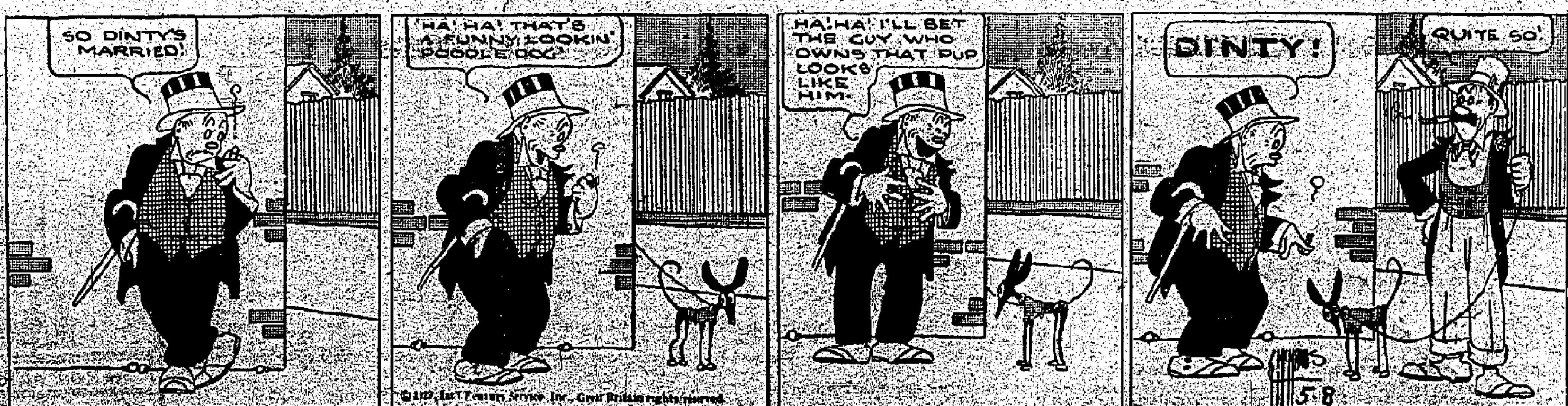
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King George's Recovery



King George bade good-bye to members of the City Council of Bognor when he and Queen Mary left for Windsor Castle.

First of Her Country



Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, famous South India woman leader of Bombay will be the first woman from her country to be present at the Geneva conference of educators when that body meets this month. She will then continue her tour and visit Denmark.

Huge Lockout Threatened



H. H. Broach, left, Vice-President of the Electrical Workers' Union, refused to supply men on three jobs of members of the Employers' Association at New York, who, in turn, voted to lock out 75,000 working in the building trades in New York city. This action, if taken, will tie up nearly \$200,000,000 of building construction. The workers obtained an injunction against the action which Christian G. Norman, below, chairman of the Building Trades Association, has ordered the members to obey. Thomas Williams, right, representative of the Department of Labour, from Washington, in an attempt to mediate the lockout, was partly instrumental in persuading Broach to withdraw his refusal to supply the men.

Started But Did Not Arrive



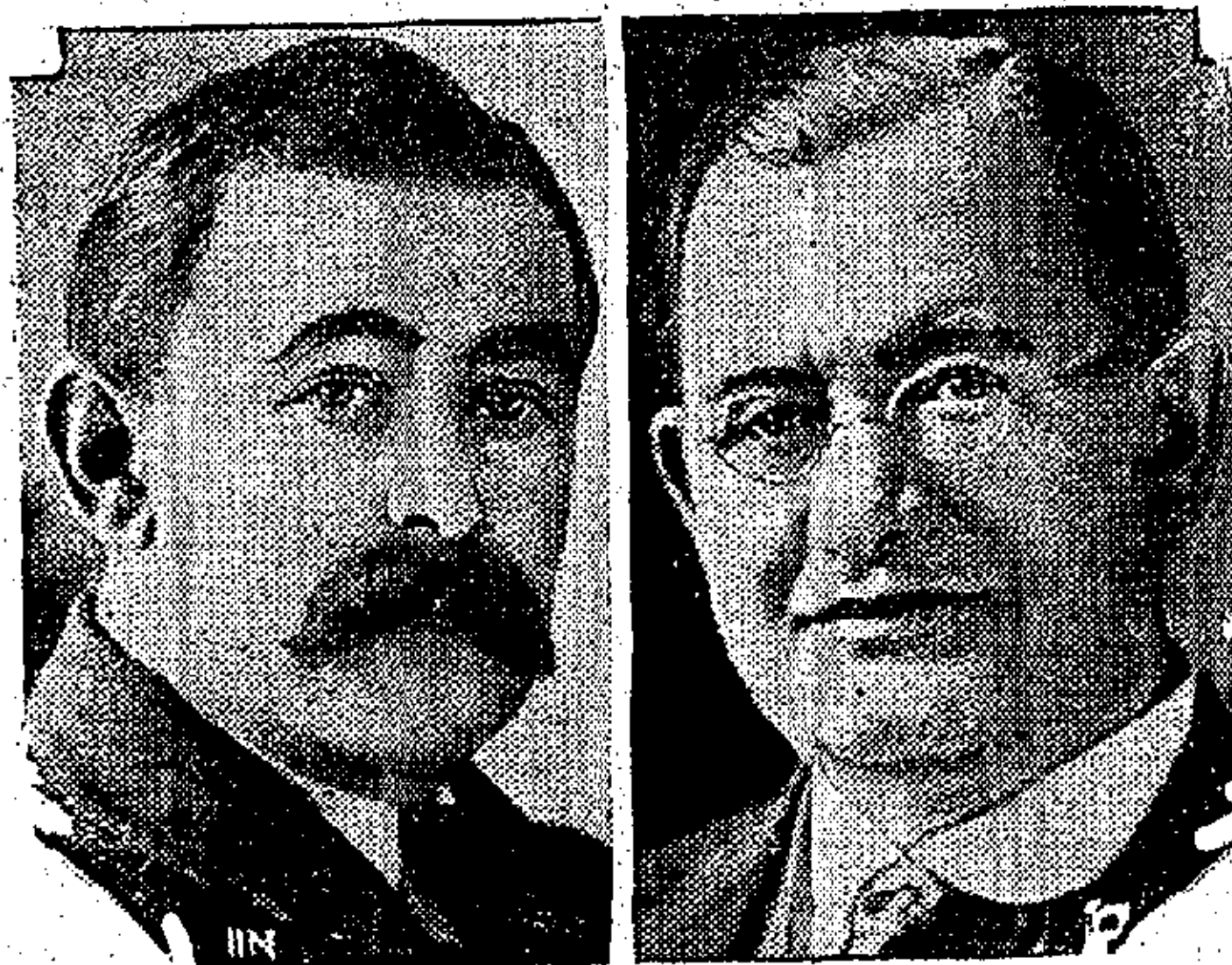
Herr Alexander Von Kryha, left; Mrs. Mary Pierce, centre, wife of New York broker, and Sir Hubert Wilkins, right, famed Arctic explorer, are shown above at the Friedrichshafen aerodrome waiting for the take off of the Graf Zeppelin in the attempted flight to America which nearly ended in disaster. They are expected to wait for the Graf to be fixed and then continue on their interrupted journey.

Gets Official Robes



Mr. Charles Evans Hughes is shown above wearing the robe of office conferred on him when he was installed as America's new representative at the extraordinary sitting of the International Tribunal at The Hague Peace Palace.

Prominent Labour Politicians



Mr. John Joseph Jones, left, Labourite M.P., considered the wildest member of the late House of Commons, and Mr. John Wheatley, right, who was recently mentioned as the new head of the Party if the necessity for a change arose.

Japanese Beetle Pest



Above, White House grounds showing shrubbery which is being attacked by beetles. Inset, Japanese beetle of the type which is causing trouble at President Hoover's domicile, consuming a peach. Below, left, the beetle which attacks all kinds of cultivated plants and is capable of transforming the most fruitful region into a desert. Below, right, the white bug, which eats the potato, man's food.

Commercial Ocean Flight?



Up to the present time all the trans-Atlantic flights have been made more as a test to see whether the feat were feasible than with a commercial idea. The giant Roon plane "Rostra," top, however, will take off soon from Lisbon, on a purely commercial flight to the United States. It is planned to carry freight and mail to a total of 2,000 pounds on the trip. There will be a crew of five, among whom Miss Mildred Johnson, right, will act as the supercargo. If the plane is successful on the route via Cape Verde and the Barbados, as shown on the map above, it is planned to maintain the service on a regular basis.

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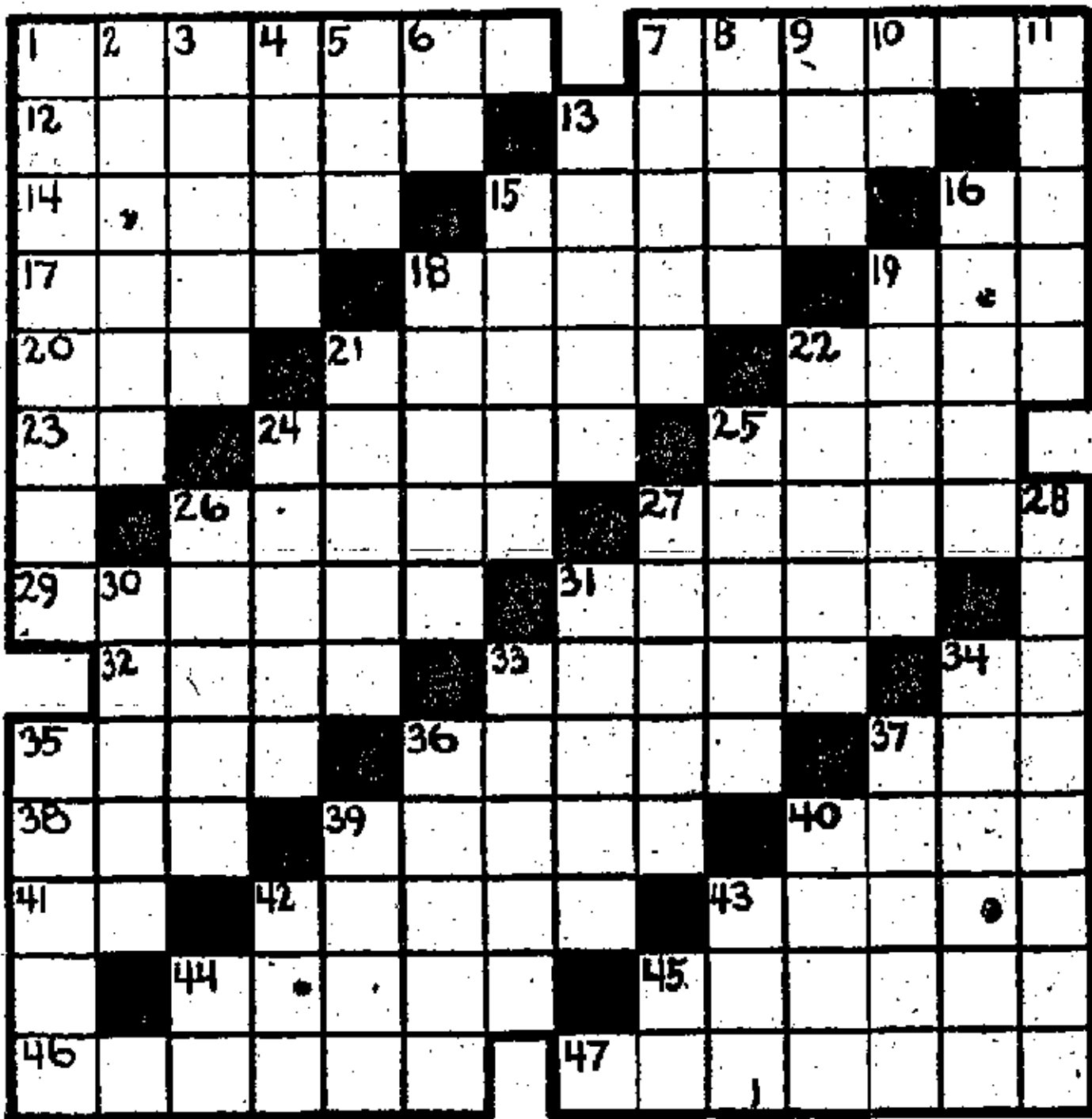
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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Student
- 7-Clippers
- 12-Young girl
- 13-Weaving machines
- 14-Dart
- 15-Visits
- 16-Accomplish
- 17-State vulgarly
- 18-Carried
- 19-Climor
- 20-Enticed
- 21-Cripples
- 22-Swallow
- 23-Printer's measure
- 24-Bad
- 25-Tire
- 26-Hurry
- 27-Turn back
- 28-A vegetable
- 31-Founded
- 32-Metal container (pl.)
- 33-Opposed
- 34-Musical note
- 35-Sunny
- 36-Repeat again

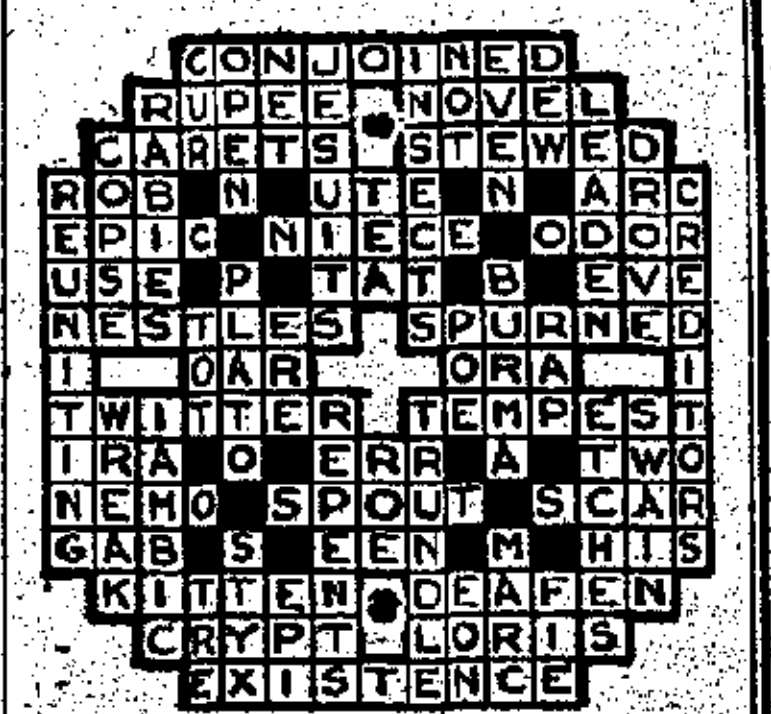
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 37-Edge of garment
- 38-Rodent
- 39-Penalized
- 40-Tollit article
- 41-Preparation
- 42-Forests
- 43-Ethical
- 44-Dismissal from
- 45-Show
- 46-Buoyed up
- 47-Wide

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Rock
- 12-Subsequently
- 13-Heavenly body
- 14-Eater
- 15-Prohibited
- 16-Ventured
- 17-Plunders
- 18-Adored
- 19-Slight
- 20-Beige
- 21-App
- 22-Contested
- 23-Shudders
- 24-Bas
- 25-Lazy bundles
- 26-Wards off
- 27-Made over
- 28-Flat
- 29-Vexed
- 30-Hesitantly
- 31-Confingration
- 32-String
- 33-Humor
- 34-Human being
- 35-Musical note
- 36-Parent

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



Bebe Daniels was reckoned to be terribly fond of Jack Pickford and many believed they would be married. Only recently, however, Bebe and Jack split, and this split has proven to be decisive. To-day Bebe together with her friend Mildred Lewis—who is getting a divorce from her husband—are frequently seen with Ben Lyon and "Skate" Gallagher. It was some months ago, incidentally, that Ben and Marilyn Miller came to a friendly parting of the ways.

Mr. Wilfrid Walker, Nope, barrister-at-law, has been appointed acting clerk of the Central Criminal Court.



MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

MODEL THEATRE REVELATION AT SALE IN LEEDS HOUSE

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The last act in as strange a drama as Leeds has ever known was played recently, when, to the accompaniment of the crisp voice of an auctioneer, and the "rap, rap, rap" of his hammer, the remaining antique contents of the residence, 11, Park Place, Leeds, were sold by order of the administrators of the late Dr. Clarence Foster.

The auctioneer's audience assembled early, and wandered round the house, the business folk to look with a business eye at such things as might be worth their bids, and the curious to marvel and say in every room that they had never seen anything like it. They scanned the backs of the books, tied in bundles and ready for the auctioneer's hammer; they opened drawers and speculated as to which was the one in which \$30,000 in securities had been found by the relatives; and they told to each other as much as they knew of the mysterious story of the brothers who let their medical practice slide and lived as recluses.

They glanced in the surgery, with its bottles untouched for years; they opened cupboards and found stacks of medicine bottles under layers of dust; they visited the coach house to inspect the old carriage, and they looked over a pile of harness, saddlery and boots in the yard outside the coach house. They found something to create wonder and amazement in every room, and especially in the study.

Cupids on Ceiling

There was evidence that the ceiling had been decorated. There were the remains of gaudy colourings, with cupids floating in a brilliant blue. There were trimmings in colours over the door and around the walls, there were imitation pillars—one thought of stage "props"—and there were pictures which had been worked into a weird scheme of decoration.

From the centre of the ceiling, which must have been a flaring picture, with its reds and blues and yellows, when the colouring was newly done, there hung a candelabrum, and there were smaller ones here and there on the walls. One sought for a reason for giving the study such a setting, and one sought in vain until the sale was well in progress, and the auctioneer (Mr. Hepper) had knocked scores of bundles of books down, at prices varying from a few shillings to a couple of pounds.

Then he arrived at what he described as "a most interesting" lot, and he told how the late Dr. Foster spent much of his time making model theatre stages.

"There are quite a number of them," said Mr. Hepper. "One represents Drury Lane, and there are many others, as you can see."

The auctioneer's man pulled the toy stages out from under the theatre, and there the secret was revealed. The study upstairs had been decorated in theatre fashion, and the candelabra, the imitation pillars and the trimmings—were what they looked—"stage props." And, while the auctioneer talked of the model stages and handed round to the audience the tiny figures, cut out of paper, which had been prepared for these stages, one thought of the study and the play that had been performed there, unknown to the world, at the door of the house.

The toy theatres were attractive. At the sides were boxes, and in the boxes were tiny figures in evening dress. There were miniature lamps on the box fronts, and there were orchestras cut out of paper. There was everything for the play, and the characters, hundreds of them—villains, heroines, strong men and weak men, good women and bad women and all the others—were kept in a box which in itself was designed, and painted like a stage "prop."

A Shilling Bid

"An interesting lot," said the auctioneer. "What offers?"

"A shilling to carry the lot away," said a man in the crowd, and that shilling started the bidding, which ended at eight shillings. Eight shillings, and no one thought of the hours of work that had been put into these tiny theatres and paper people, and few thought of the connection between these theatres and the study upstairs.

There was other evidence of Dr. Foster's interest in the theatre. Bundles of old theatre bills—hundreds of them—were sold. A collection of bills from the Royal Amphitheatre, which stood in King Charles' Croft, went for £12; another bundle of theatre

bills, dated between 1860 and 1867, went for 35s. 6d., and a collection of bills relating to the attractions of the Vickers' travelling theatre (well known in Yorkshire once upon a time) and a cutting from the "Evening Post" telling of the life of Vickers, sold for 60s.

A bundle of plays—"Old plays and new plays for Leeds amateur dramatic societies" said the auctioneer—was knocked down, and all the time the curious folk popped in and out and the auctioneer's hammer rapped the curtain down.

The following is a list of principal articles sold, and their prices:—An Adam mirror, 21 guineas; Georgian carved wall mirror frame, 36 guineas; painted pine side table, five guineas; narrow gate leg table, 10 guineas; two small Chippendale tea trays, £11 5s.; miniature ship model, £3 5s.; gilt candle sconce, £4 5s.; oil painting of flower subject, 16 guineas; oil painting, school of Hogarth, 11 guineas; small oil painting of portrait of a gentleman, painter unknown, 20 guineas; and an Adam mantelpiece, 33 guineas.

CHATTER FROM HOLLYWOOD

Jack Gilbert survived a wobbly year and only a few weeks ago resigned with M. G. M. at a stupendous salary. Perhaps this year will see him and Greta Garbo married. Last year Greta had not decided to break with Maurice Stiller, the Swedish director who "discovered" her. He passed on recently.

Constance Talmadge has become more a name than a screen actuality. William Haines soared to stardom. Marion Davies enjoyed her most successful screen year and 1929 dawns to see her the outstanding woman comedienne of the talkies. Dolores Costello, just married to John Barrymore, faces a crisis in her flicker outlook, for Dolores readily admits, her voice does not take any too kindly to the microphone.

This year sees the motion picture faced with the talk menace. It sees the producers hurriedly preparing to cope with the new order. It sees the old silent order sinking out and leaving many players scared of their future, not to mention their present.

The year 1929 will be the most interesting and the most revolutionary one the cinema has yet known.

Sue Carol has risen from the nowhere to the silver sheet somewhere. Very recently Sue and young Nick Stewart were married, as all suspected they would. To-day sees them rooting for the University of California at the football game being played in Pasadena's Rose Bowl 'twixt this team and Georgia Tech.

Lialani Deas, a beautiful Hawaiian dancer, was born on the island of Hawaii, at Hilo. Three years ago she won a beauty contest, and came to Hollywood as "Miss Honolulu" with a film contract. She returned soon to her home only to again try her fortunes in the film capital. She dances in "Red Wine," Fox Film directed by Raymond Cannon.

Sally Phipps is now making "Joy Street" at the William Fox studios. A great cast supports her, among them will be Lois Moran. This picture will be shown in Shanghai soon.

Sue Carol, who will be remembered more recently for her part in "Captain Swagger," will play the chief role in "The Stranded Flapper." This picture is due to start soon after Miss Carol completes "Girls Gone Wild." The new film comes from the short-story pen of Will Irwin; it will be directed by James Tinling.

Last year Lupe Velez was an unknown screen quantity. This year she rats with the known screen quality.

Dolores Del Rio, another import from Mexico, was riding the wave of popularity as 1928 bowed out the calendar. To-day Dolores faces a crisis in her film career. Her next picture, it is pronounced by those who know their box office, tells the tale—whether she remains a star or gradually sinks into the obscurity from which Edwin Carver and his polka-dot representatives lifted her. Last year, too, Dolores was happily married to Jaime Del Rio, as the lad as ever lived. In the Autumn of '28 Jaime and Dolores separated. Jaime discovered he was in the way. He went to Europe. He died in Germany a short time ago—alone, and calling for his wife. She had just returned to Hollywood.

"OFFICE SCANDAL"

NEW TALKIE FILM OF NEWS-
PAPER LIFE

SHOWING AT SHANGHAI

"Office Scandal" a new Pathe Talkie film, now being screened at Shanghai, is a picture of newspaper life. It is said to be most interesting, and features Phyllis Haver of "Chicago" fame in the leading role. Raymond Hatton, Leslie Fenton and Margaret Livingston are included in the supporting cast. The dialogues are clear and decent, and shows a newspaper as it really is, by that it is meant that the picture does not in any way exaggerate.

NEW PRINCIPAL

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Mr. E. Stanley Roper, M.A., Mus.B. (Cantab), organist and composer at the Chapels Royal, has been appointed Principal of Trinity College of Music.

Mr. Roper, who was born in London in 1873, received his earliest training at Westminster Abbey, where he was soloist from 1888 to 1893. He studied under Sir Frederick Bridge, and obtained the Organ Scholarship at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1899.

In Cambridge he worked with Sir Charles Stanford, Dr. Charles Wood, Dr. Sweeting, and Dr. E. W. Naylor, and from Cambridge turned to Westminster. There he presided regularly the organ until 1922 officiating most of the important national services, such as that of the burial of the Unknown Warrior.

In 1918 Mr. Roper was appointed organist, composer, and choir-master at His Majesty's Chapels Royal. The Chapels are those of Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, and Marlborough House.

Mr. Roper is also organist and choir-master at the official church of the House of Commons, St. Margaret's, Westminster. He is well known as a recitalist, conductor and lecturer, as well as an adjudicator at the principal competition festivals in the British Isles.

His most important influence on musical life in London during recent years has been his work as part-founder of the Bach Cantata Club.

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From	Per
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	
U.S.A., Canada (Seattle and Victoria, B.C.)	1st June)
Japan, Shanghai & Europe	via Siberia (London, 1st June)
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinkingiang
SUNDAY, JUNE 23	
Straits	Fushimi Maru
Japan	Guma
Manila	Empress of Russia
MONDAY, JUNE 24	
Manila	President Madison
TUESDAY, JUNE 25	
Japan	Tango Maru
Shanghai	Perseus

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
FRIDAY, JUNE 21	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana (Due Marseilles, 20th July.) K.P.O.
	Parce's June 21, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration June 22, 9 a.m.
	Letters 10 a.m.
	G.P.O.
	Parcels June 21, 5 p.m.
	Registration June 22, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters June 22, 10.30 a.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenshaw 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Gov. Gen. Merlin 4.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 22	
Rabaul via Manila	Calulu 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Tean 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjikembang 10 a.m.
Manila	President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui 5 p.m.
Saigon	Hathor 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limechow 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 23	
Shanghai and Dainy	Luchow 9 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Yunnan 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 24	
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	*Canada
*U.S.A., *C. & *S. American	President Madison (Due Victoria, B.C., 15th July and Europe via Siberia.)
*Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Parcels June 24, 5 p.m.
	Registration June 25, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters 9.30 a.m.
	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BOWLERS' FEATS IN HOME CRICKET

GOOD ANALYSES

THREE COUNTY MATCHES END IN TWO DAYS

KENT BEATEN BY NORTHANTS

Several bowlers did well in county cricket matches which concluded at Home yesterday in two days. Among those who returned good analyses were J. C. White (the England captain against South Africa), who was on the losing side for Somerset, Voe of Notts, Root of Worcester (a former Test cap), Clark of Northants, and "Tich" Freeman of Kent.

Kent were surprised by the lowly Northants. Results, as called overnight by Reuter, follow:—

Northants v. Kent
At Northampton, Northants defeated Kent by ten wickets. Scores: Kent (1st innings) 118 runs. Clark took 7 wickets for 45 runs. Northants (1st innings) 266 runs. Baskwell made 137. Freeman, A. P. took 5 wickets for 61 runs. Kent (2nd innings) 148 runs. Northants (2nd innings) 1 run for no wicket.

Middlesex v. Somerset
At Lord's, Middlesex defeated Somersetshire by ten wickets. Scores:—

Somerset (1st innings) 163 runs. Middlesex (1st innings) 219 runs. J. C. White took 5 wickets for 50 runs. Somerset (2nd innings) 120 runs. Middlesex (2nd innings) 68 runs for no wicket.

Notts v. Worcester
At Nottingham, Notts defeated Worcestershire by nine wickets. Scores:—

Worcester (1st innings) 163 runs. Notts (1st innings) 276 runs. Root took 6 wickets for 33 runs. Worcester (2nd innings) 169 runs. Voe took 7 wickets for 37 runs. Notts (2nd innings) 62 runs for 1 wicket. Reuter.

*Note: Reuter's cable, while giving Notts' last score as 62 for 1, said that victory was gained by ten wickets.

U.S. HEAT WAVE

MANY DEATHS REPORTED FROM SUNSTROKE

LIGHTNING CASUALTIES

New York, Yesterday. A dozen cases of heat prostration were reported yesterday. There were also four deaths from sunstroke and three cases of drowning, the victims being sufferers from the heat who had sought relief in sea bathing.

The mercury touched 92 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade, a record so early in the summer. A thunderstorm brought temporary relief, but added to the death toll. Several persons in the suburbs were struck by lightning, and several bridges in the upper part of New York State were washed away, and a passenger train stranded.

The heat wave is general throughout the country, the shade temperature at Los Angeles reaching 93 degrees. Reuter's American Service.

Colliding with some boys playing on the pavement in West Greenway, Tottenham, Charles Neithcott (73) fell and broke his leg, dying later in hospital.

BUDGET CUT DOWN

CANTON CIVIL AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE

REDEMPTION OF BAD COIN

Canton, Wednesday. After consulting Chairman Chan Ming-shu on the subject of disarmament of the Cantonese troops, Mr. T. V. Soong (Finance Minister) estimates that the military expenditure of Kwangtung province will not exceed \$3,000,000 a month from now until September, after which it may be as low as \$2,500,000. The Civil Service budget will be reduced a few lakhs monthly.

Swatow Situation

Following the capture of Swatow by the Cantonese, General Chiang Kwong-nai has ordered the troops stationed in Hohow and Waichow to move into Swatow.

The steamers that brought up the troops from Hohow arrived at Canton on June 17, but owing to the regiment from Waichow not having yet arrived, they did not sail for Swatow till the early morning of June 19.

Return of Officials

Mr. Lam Wen-kai, the City Mayor, and Mr. Li Yik-wang, the Director of the Educational Bureau, both after a brief absence while attending Dr.

	Degrees
Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day	82
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday	85
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day	86
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday	74

Sun Yat-sen's funeral at Nanking, have returned to this city and resumed their respective duties.

Mr. Chu Ka-wa, Vice-Chancellor of the Canton University, who was on a special commission at Nanking concerning the reorganisation of the University, has also returned by the "Empress of Russia."

Silver Coins

In view of the huge amount of low percentage silver coins in the market that have been in circulation since 1925, the Canton Government recently took steps to have them redeemed. According to the latest information from the Canton Mint, arrangements have been made so that from June 21 to July 11 all who are in possession of such coins should present them to the Mint, to be dealt with according to previous practice. Canton News Agency.

Precautions Against Reds

Canton, Yesterday. In prevention of possible activity by Reds from East and Central China, both the military and the police authorities have secretly warned all concerned to keep a strict watch on newcomers to the city.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Tang Shao-yi

Canton, Yesterday. Ex-Premier Tang Shao-yi and ex-General Wu Tze-hong, after a brief visit to Nanking, are expected to return South soon. Mr. Tang is the president of the Committee Council for the Model District of Chungshan and it is said that he is going to devote much of his time for its remodelling. There is a rumour that Mr. Sun Fo, the son of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, will accompany them on this trip.

New Mayor of Swatow

Mr. Hsu Shi-ching, the newly appointed Mayor of Swatow, assumed office on June 19. By order of the Canton Government, General Chiang Kwong-nai officiated at the ceremony of administering the oath to the new Mayor.—Canton News Agency.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
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ENJOYABLE JOURNEY FROM SCOTLAND TO LONDON

PRAISE FOR FLIGHT

London, Yesterday. A big crowd witnessed Mr. MacDonald's departure from Lossiemouth to London at 10.30 this morning, in a Fairey long-range bomber, piloted by Flight-Lieut. H. W. Heslop. The plane took off from a clover field near the Premier's home, in a strong wind.

Later. The first "flying Premier" of Great Britain, Mr. MacDonald, arrived at Hendon at 8.5 p.m. from Lossiemouth.—Reuter.

Enjoyable Journey

The Premier thoroughly enjoyed his journey from Lossiemouth. This was the first time that a British Premier had ever flown. A halt was made about midway, at Caterick, Yorkshire, where Mr. MacDonald lunched with officers of the Royal Air Force squadron.

Flight-Lieutenant Heslop, the pilot of the machine did not make a straight line from Lossiemouth to Caterick. After leaving Lossiemouth, he made for the east-coast of Scotland, flying over Banff to Aberdeen. Skirting the coast he crossed the Firth of Forth near the Forth Bridge, and Mr. MacDonald obtained a splendid view of Edinburgh.

After crossing the Firth of Forth the machine crossed the Cheviot Hills and then turned slightly westward to Caterick. A large number of machines met the Premier and escorted him to the air station.

Resuming the flight from Caterick, Flight-Lieutenant Heslop continued via the Midlands.

The Premier, on alighting at Hendon, observed that air travel was better than any other.—British Wireless Service.

N. Z. EARTHQUAKE

DANGER REPORTED AS "ALMOST OVER"

SHOCKS STILL FELT

Wellington, Yesterday.

The earthquake danger is now practically over. Shocks are still felt but are diminishing in intensity and frequency.

Several people are missing, including a gold prospector David Russell, his son, and a Jones family of four, who left Westport on Monday, and have not been seen since.

Refugees from outlying districts arriving at Marchion are being sent on to Nelson. Roads in the earthquake area are so damaged they must be re-constructed.—Reuter.

PROBLEM OF INDIA

VICEROY ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR ENGLAND

LORD IRWIN'S INTENTION

Simla, Yesterday.

The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, announced to-day that he would seek an opportunity in England of discussing with His Majesty's Government all the grave matters concerning India, including an honourable settlement of India's constitution.

The speech was delivered at a dinner in his honour at the Chelmsford Club, on the eve of his departure for England.—Reuter.

MOROCCO FERMENT

"BREEZE" AT LABOUR CONFERENCE

FRENCH DELEGATE EXPLAINS

Geneva, Yesterday. At the International Labour Conference to-day, M. Gauthier, the French Government delegate, protested against statements made by Mr. Salim, the Dutch Indies Workers' delegate, with regard to the recent attack of tribesmen on French troops in Morocco.

M. Gauthier said that France pursued a policy of pacification in Morocco. She had no repressive intentions and wished only to re-establish order in the region troubled by pillaging.

Mr. Salim apologized, and said he was pleased to receive M. Gauthier's assurance.—Reuter.

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